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Rajasthan election put off by two days

Nov. 25 declared as the new polling date after the Election Commission received several requests in view of the 'Dev Uthani Ekadasi' on Nov. 23

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Assembly poll in Rajasthan would now be held on November 25 instead of November 23 as announced earlier, the Election Commission (EC) said on Wednesday. The change in schedule has been effected considering "large-scale" weddings and social engagements on the earlier date.

On October 9, the EC announced election dates for five States, including Rajasthan where the poll was scheduled to be held on November 23. The date coincides with an auspicious day for the Hindus, 'Dev Uthani Ekadashi', when thousands of weddings take place in Rajasthan.

"Subsequently, representations have been received in the Commission from various political parties, social organisations and also issues raised in various media platforms for change of date of poll considering large-scale weddings and social engagements on that day which may cause inconvenience to large number of people, various logistic issues and may lead to reduced voters' participation during poll," the poll body said in a statement on Wednesday.

It said that considering these factors, the Commission decided to change the date of polling to November 25. The counting of votes though will take place as scheduled on December 3, along with the other States.

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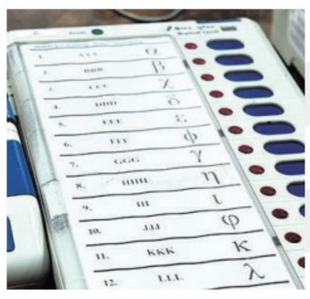
New schedule

The Election Commission revises the poll schedule to allow for "large-scale" weddings and social events on November 23



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- Voting: **November 25**

'Operation Ajay' set to evacuate Indian nationals from Israel

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India is putting in place a major operation to evacuate its citizens who wish to return from conflict-hit Israel. Announcing the initiative late on Wednesday, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said special chartered flights are being arranged.

This will be the second evacuation this year, after Operation Kaveri that brought back several thousand Indian citizens from conflict-torn Sudan in April-May.

"Launching Operation Ajay to facilitate the return from Israel of our citizens who wish to return. Special charter flights and other arrangements being put in place. Fully committed to the safety and well-being of our nationals abroad," posted Mr. Jaishankar on X, formerly Twitter.

The Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv stated that it has emailed the first lot of registered Indian citizens for the special flight that is expected to take off for India on Thursday. "Messages to other registered people will follow for subsequent flights," said the embassy in a post on X.

The announcement has come days after Air India suspended its service in the Delhi-Tel Aviv route as Hamas carried out a crippling attack on Israel last Saturday.

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Israel pounds Gaza by air; Hamas fights on

JERUSALEM/GAZA
Israel bombed Gaza overnight ahead of a potential ground assault against Hamas. Israel's death toll reached 1,200 with more than 2,700 wounded, its military said. The group's armed wing, al Qassam Brigades, said it was still fighting inside Israel on Wednesday. » PAGE 15

SC firm on transfer of Manipur HC judge

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium on Wednesday stood firm by its resolve to recommend the transfer of Manipur High Court judge, Justice M.V. Muralidharan, to the Calcutta High Court for "better administration of justice".

The Collegium headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud had proposed to shift Justice Muralidharan to the Calcutta High Court on October 9.

Request

The very next day, on October 10, Justice Muralidharan requested the Collegium to either transfer him back to his parent High Court of Madras or let him stay on in the Manipur High Court. The Collegium said that it did not find merit in the requests made by him.

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State forms panel to frame education policy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka government has constituted a 15-member committee to formulate the Karnataka State Education Policy (KSEP) under the chairmanship of Sukhdev Thorat, educationist, economist, and former chairman of University Grant Commission.

The Congress government had announced in its election manifesto that it would withdraw the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) and bring a separate education policy for the State. The panel will frame the draft of KSEP and submit it by February 28, 2024, the order issued on Wednesday said. The committee also has eight subject experts/advisers.

Some of the members are Sanjay Kaul, former secretary, School Education, Government of India; Sudhir Krishnaswamy, and Vice-Chancellor of National Law School of India University.

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Ward boy to police constable — the man behind compound glory

India won seven medals (including five golds) in compound archery at the Hangzhou Asian Games; the makings of this success can be traced back to a sugarcane field-turned shooting academy in Maharashtra by Pravin Sawant

ARCHERY

Jonathan Selvaraj

Growing up in rural Maharashtra, Pravin Sawant was 17 years old when he became obsessed with archery. Lack of resources prevented Sawant, who worked as a ward boy in a hospital as a youngster, from becoming the archer he wanted to be, but now is the time for him to take a bow as a coach responsible for one of India archery's greatest campaigns at the Asian Games.

The 31-year-old from Satara, who is now a Maharashtra Police constable, can be credited for being the hand behind seven medals in compound archery – five of them gold – at Hangzhou in China.

On the night before the final day of the archery competition, Sawant went to bed in the Games Village with one dream. With India on the cusp of winning a historic 100 medals, Sawant hoped the honour would go to one of the students from his academy.

The two archers from his Drushti Archery Academy, Ojas Deotale and Aditi Swami, fulfilled their part of the deal. Aditi, 17, won bronze to take India's tally to 96. About a half-an-hour later, during which two more medals had been added to India's tally, Ojas won gold in the men's individual compound event to bring up medal number 99. The 100th was not to be (that went to the women's kabaddi team), but Sawant ended up with an oversized contribution to India's tally.

Ojas won three gold medals in the individual, mixed team, and men's team events, while Aditi won gold in the women's team event and bronze in the individual category.

Sawant was there at the culmination of the campaign, standing right behind Ojas when he won gold in the men's individual category to become the first Indian man to win three gold medals at a single edition of the Asian Games.

"*Mere khud ka dream tha archery khelne ka. Woh nahin hua* (It was my dream to compete in archery. That could not happen), but as a coach, I feel happy," said Sawant over a call from Hangzhou, with a huge smile across his face.

Burning desire

The son of manual labourers in Wai, a village a few kilometres off Satara town in southern Maharashtra, Sawant didn't harbour great ambitions growing up. "My parents did what they could, but when you are poor, you cannot think too big," he said.

Archery ambition was kindled, if only by chance when he saw the 2008 Olympics in Beijing on television. India had just the one representative in archery there: Recurve archer Mangal Singh Champia was second in qualifying before losing to eventual bronze medalist Bair Badenov of Russia. Sawant said he was smitten. But archery needs money. An Indian bow made of bamboo cost ₹3,000 and arrows cost ₹100 each. At the age of 17, Sawant started work as a ward boy at Suhas Pol Orthopedic hospital in Satara. The pay wasn't great, about ₹1,500 a month. The work wasn't always pleasant.

"We had to deal with medical waste, clean up the rooms. You had to apply dressing and give medicines. Sometimes, when the doctors were busy, we were told to set up IV drips even though that's not something I had ever trained to do. I have even worked in an operating theatre," he said.

But Sawant didn't mind. With the money he earned he joined an archery academy near Satara. After 12-hour night shifts that ended at 7am, Sawant would make a 45km trip by bus to the academy and train on an Indian bamboo bow. "I didn't get much sleep. I was just going from work to the range and shooting. *Sach me pagal tha* (I was truly mad)," he remembered.

Sawant had some ability. He won a national medal in the Indian bow category in 2011, but financial concerns were a constant companion. "I was thinking all the time, where do I get equipment from? How do I travel for competitions?"

Recurve archery was already an established event in India, so Sawant decided to pursue compound archery in the hope that he could secure a government job. "I bought a second-hand bow and started. I didn't have the money, so, I took loans from anyone who would lend me money," he said.

The gamble would pay off. Sawant eventually got the police job in 2011. He has never got a promotion. The salary gave him some breathing space. "I came from nothing. Considering how I would train in the morning and work at night, the police guard duty is nothing. It's very easy," he said.

Sawant did his job at Satara police headquarters, but remained obsessed with archery. He cannot say when he started working as a coach. "I think, even while I was shooting myself, I was always interested in how the compound bow works. I was always helping out other archers. Eventually I got into coaching. I can't say when training archers became my main interest but I know I registered Drushti Archery Academy in 2017."

Early days

Initially, he started coaching at Satara's Shahu stadium. Owing to lack of space he moved around the city - from behind the Congress Committee Bhawan building to a space behind Saidabput hostel. The search for a permanent location would finally end after help from someone he knew since his ward boy days.

"When I was working at the hospital, I got to know Mahendra Kadam, a pharmacist. He used to tell me he admired me for my struggle to learn archery. Later, when I got into coaching, he sent his daughter to train with me. When he saw that I was looking for a place to train, he asked if I would want to use his field," he said.

Kadam's offer was a piece of farmland just outside Satara. It was used to grow sugarcane, but Kadam agreed to let Sawant start his academy there.

Drushti Archery Academy is surprisingly modest when you consider just how well its students have done. The facility has a shooting range with a target, a tin-covered shed for equipment, and another tin roof structure in which outstation students stay.

Where the work happens

Despite the humble facilities, Drushti Archery Academy has produced enviable results. "So many students have got medals from the state and national level. Many have got sports quota jobs as well," said Sawant. Medals have been won at international level, too. Before the Asian Games, Ojas and Aditi made headlines when they won individual gold at the Archery World Cup in Berlin earlier this year. While Aditi has been training with Sawant from early in her career, Ojas joined in 2022 after struggling for success.

Ojas' improvement from an archer who did not have a national medal to one who has swept the podium at the Asian Games is near miraculous. Yet, Sawant believes his coaching philosophy is fairly simple.

> There's no reason why there can't be more coaches like me in India. I think a lot of people make excuses that they don't have this or that. I think, sometimes, we look for ways to justify why we can't do something
> PRAVIN SAWANT

"I'm mostly a self-taught coach. I only did my coaching diploma from NIS (National Institute of Sport) during the COVID pandemic. I am mostly a practical coach, I think. I teach them love for the sport. If you can teach them that, the rest comes by itself," he said.

Sawant also helps in more practical matters. "I always struggled because I didn't know anything about equipment or lacked finances. So, I help students get equipment, tell them about job openings, or if the government has any policy to buy equipment," he said.

Coaching philosophy

Despite his results, Sawant doesn't think he has any special coaching ability. "I think the reason my archers do well is because I have a bond with them. They should think I'm their friend and trust me. When we are together, we plan lunch and dinner. I need them to first think they are secure with me, archery comes later. It's only after they trust me that I can work on technique and fine-tune their equipment. Every athlete is different, so you have to build bonds with each of them. Everyone's competition temperament is different, so you have to deal with each athlete differently."

Sawant's athletes and their parents second this. Ojas' mother, Archana has experienced this. "Last year was the first time Ojas did not celebrate Diwali at home. Sawant sir said he wanted Ojas to stay and train in Satara. Later, we found out that Sawant sir had celebrated Diwali with Ojas at the academy itself. He had applied utane (a mix of Ayurvedic powders used on the first day of Diwali) and treated Ojas like a son. I will never forget that," said Archana.

The friendly touch, however, comes attached with Sawant's reputation for being strict. He says it comes from his police background. The coach does not corner any privileges, and makes sure to deal with the same privations as his students. "I stay in the academy just like each of the 40 students. I work with them in the morning, then go to work and return to train them in the evening. At night my family and daughter also stay under the same tin roof," he said.

Some scale of Sawant's devotion to his academy can perhaps be gauged from the fact that he named his firstborn daughter Drushti after his academy. Sawant became a father for a second time earlier this month, a second daughter. He left his wife, Shaili, and three-day-old baby to travel with the Indian team to Hangzhou.

Some of Sawant's obsession with the sport has even rubbed off on his wife, who had no sporting background. "She was working in the academy on the day she had her delivery. Now, within 10 days of the delivery, she's back helping the students. I have made her also mad about archery," he laughed.

Some of his passion is shared by his police seniors. "I am a constable, but I get a lot of respect at work because they know I am an international coach. They are genuinely helpful. If I am on guard duty and a student has a problem, they immediately adjust my shifts so that I can go and help," he said.

While his work as a coach gives him joy, Sawant admits things aren't always easy. As a coach, he's not eligible for any sports performance-based promotion. He has also taken loans to set up his academy. Although the state government promised large awards after his students won gold medals at the world level, he is yet to see any of that money.

"I am under about ₹15 lakh of debt. I spent it to set up my academy. I have been given the fields to practise on, but I still have to pay rent. I have mortgaged my wife's jewels and taken loans from a lot of banks," he said.

He doesn't have any regrets, though. "I got into coaching not because I thought I would become rich, but because I felt I could produce international archers and give them what I lacked. I never got good coaching. So, I want to be someone who gives 100 percent."

"There's no reason why there can't be more coaches like me in India. I think a lot of people make excuses that they don't have this or that. I think, sometimes, we look for ways to justify why we can't do something. But the most important thing you need is passion," he said.

Sawant's passion for archery started at the Olympics and his burning desire is to produce Olympic champions, but there is a roadblock. Compound archery is still not part of the Olympics programme. World Archery has sent an application for this form of the sport to be included in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Compound archery is popular in the US and Sawant is hopeful it gets included. "I won't be satisfied until I actually produce an Olympic champion," he said.

THE GIST

- Pravin Sawant, who is now a Maharashtra Police constable, can be credited for being the hand behind seven medals in compound archery — five of them gold — at Hangzhou
- His wards, two archers from Drushti Archery Academy, Ojas Deotale and Aditi Swami claimed medals in the Hangzhou Asian Games
- Ojas won three gold medals in the individual, mixed team, and men's team events, while Aditi won gold in the women's team event and bronze in the individual category
- Sawant says he will not be satisfied until he produces an Olympic champion

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BBMP is the first enemy of city, says High Court

It directs civic body to conduct survey of all hoardings across the city and give past three years' data on permission granted for hoardings and the fee collected

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BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is the first enemy of the city as its casual approach is not only resulting in uglification due to illegal hoardings but also resulting in loss of revenue, the High Court of Karnataka observed on Wednesday.

The court also directed the BBMP to conduct a survey of all hoardings, advertisement boards and flexes erected across the city and submit details such as the number of permissions granted for structures, the period for which permissions were granted, fee collected, and the number of structures put up without permission, from the past three years.

Those who put up commercial hoardings have to pay a fee to the BBMP, but the mushrooming of illegal hoardings is resulting in a loss of huge revenue to the civic body, says a petitioner. FILE PHOTO

"The BBMP is losing revenue due to the mushrooming of illegal hoardings due to the casual approach. But the civic body turns its back citing financial crunch when the issue of providing basic facilities is raised and the citizens are burdened with additional taxes for providing basic facilities," the court said. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the order during the hearing of PIL petitions through which the court is monitoring actions initiated by the BBMP against illegal hoardings.

Earlier, Senior Advocate Ravivarma Kumar, appearing for one of the petitioners, stated that those who put up commercial hoardings are required to pay a certain fee to the BBMP.

"It is the loss of revenue to the BBMP and to fill that loss you will burden the citizens. This is the problem. You [BBMP] are the first enemy of the city," the Bench observed.

Erring officials

Meanwhile, the Bench directed the BBMP to take to the logical end on the notices issued to erring officials who have failed to prevent and act against illegal hoardings.

The BBMP, in response to the court's earlier direction, had said that 242 notices were issued to the erring junior officers by the higher officials for dereliction of duty or slow and lethargic performance of their duties in taking action against illegal hoardings.

Firecracker tragedy: Youth succumbs; toll now 15

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 19-year-old youth, identified as Dinesh, succumbed to burns at Victoria hospital on Wednesday, taking the death toll in the Attibele firecracker tragedy to 15.

Dinesh was a resident of Tamil Nadu and was hired for packing and uploading work at the gowdown-cum-shop where the fire broke out. He, along with three others, sustained burns and was rescued by the Fire and Emergency Services personnel and admitted to hospital, where he succumbed.

The other three injured are recovering and are out of danger, Inspector General of Police (Central Range) B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda said.

Precautionary measure

Meanwhile, a joint team of police continued to crack down on the cracker shop and registered 19 cases against the shop owners for violating the licensing condition. The police are disconnecting the power supply to the cracker shops drawn from the nearby poles as a precautionary measure to prevent any untoward incidents. Many cracker shops in and around Attibele were shut down, fearing backlash from the enforcement agencies and escaped.

'BDA will soon commence the groundwork to prepare Revised Master Plan for Bengaluru'

Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, and Peripheral Ring Road project are among the new Commissioner's priorities

INTERVIEW

Jayaram N.

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) will soon commence groundwork for preparing a new Revised Master Plan (RMP) for Bengaluru which has been delayed for nearly two years after the authority withdrew its RMP 2031.

BDA Commissioner Jayaram N. in an interview with *The Hindu* said he had made the RMP a top priority, while he would parallelly focus on Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout. Excerpts from the interview.

Jayaram N., BDA Commissioner

What are your priorities for the BDA?

As the Revised Master Plan (RMP) has been delayed for many years, I have directed officials to kickstart the groundwork for the plan and this is my top priority. Now the Supreme Court-monitored committee has resolved all the issues, emphasis will be given to completing the land acquisition and providing basic amenities in Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout. Alongside this, I will focus on the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout and implementation of the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project.

What groundwork will be done for the RMP and when this may be completed?

This is a long process and to start with, a survey will be conducted to know about the present status of land use in the city. For the survey, drones will be deployed. The survey will look into which are the agricultural zones, residential zones, commercial zones, revenue land, and others. The BDA will also analyse the city's requirements for the next 10 years. The draft will be prepared after carrying out consultation with all stakeholders and it will be published for objections. Later, it will be sent to the government for approval. I am looking at RMP 2034 or 2035.

When will you start allocating sites in Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout?

We have acquired 2,700 acres and are now working on acquiring the remaining 1,500 acres of land. We are holding talks with landowners. The allocation will start after the completion of basic civic infrastructure works; this may take at least four to six months. The civic infrastructure works are under way.

What is the progress of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout?

About 1,300 acres of land is pending for acquisition and the BDA will honestly work to clear all the hurdles to acquire the land. If there are any complaints of work moving at a slow pace or stopped due to pending payment to contractors, we will check. There are a few issues which are acting as obstacles and they will be cleared soon.

Is it possible to convince farmers/landowners to agree for lower compensation for the PRR project?

I cannot answer this in one line as it is a little complicated. I can now say that I will ensure that the PRR will be implemented soon as it is an important project for the BDA.

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Tender Notice No	**CMD/LPSC(B)/E/MI/27/2023-24 dated: 11.10.2023**
Estimated amount	**₹ 11.70 Lakhs**
Period of completion	**2 Months**
Sale Period	**From 11.10.2023 to 17.10.2023**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 23,400/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** . Also detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website **www.isro.gov.in**

Sd/- Head CMD LPSC (B)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that My Client has proposed to purchase the schedule property from the present owner **Mrs. Dilshad Begum, W/o. Syed Sarvar Pasha,** Residing at No. 172, 2nd Floor, Kurubil, 2nd Cross, Siddegowda Beedi, Chikka Mavali, Bangalore South, Basavanagudi, Bangalore -560 004. ANY Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **7 days** of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/ objections.-:

SCHEDULE-PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Janjur **No. 54,** Property No.47/1 and 57/1, as per form No. 9, No.54, as per form 10 situated at **Veerasandra village Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District,** measuring East to West :40 feet North to South : 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft bounded as on:

East by : H.M.Chinnappareddy's Site
West by : Madappa's Site,
North by : Peramayya's Site
South by : Juice Factory Compound.

Shaji .T Verghese, Advocate
LEGAL I,
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS,
No.F -103, "GANGAPPA COMPLEX"
45 MILLERS ROAD, VASANTH NAGAR
Bangalore-52. Mob: 98451 54053.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice the Respondent
Vide order dated: 04-10-2023
R.F.A.No.81/2015

M/s. Win-Medicare Pvt.Ltd., Rep. by its Director ... Appellant, (By Sri K.S. Mallikarjuna Reddy adv. for appellant)
-V/s-
Smt. K. Janhavi M. Shenoy ... Respondent

To. Respondent: Smt. K. Janhavi M. Shenoy, W/o Srikarkala Mukunda Shenoy, Proprietor of M/s Manjunisha dbs, No.15, 25th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Kuvempunagar, Bengaluru- 560 076

Appeal form the Judgement & Decree dated: 15-09-2014 passed in OS.No.26674/2007 on the file of the XXVI Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall, Bangalore.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **26-10-2023** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court, this 07-10-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hight Court of Karnataka, At Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **('Client')** is desirous of entering into certain transaction in connection with the immovable properties morefully described in the 'Schedule' hereto and hereinafter collectively referred to as 'Schedule Properties' with **(i) Mrs. Asha Damodar Chhabria, (ii) Mrs. Rashi Madanlal Hinduja, (iii) Mr. Sharan Madanlal Hinduja; (iv) Mrs. Bharti Kalro. (v) Mr. Naveen Murlidhar Kalro, (vi) Mrs. Shilpa Bajaj, (vii) Mr. Vijaykumar N. Kalro and (viii) Mr. Brijay Naraindas Kalro,** all residing at **Bengaluru ('Owners').** The Owners have represented to our Client that they are the absolute owners of their respective portions of the **Schedule Properties**, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Properties or their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owners has/ have any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Properties and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Properties)

All that piece and parcel of immovable properties, totally admeasuring **04 Acres 33 Guntas, both situated at Hebbagodi Village, Atibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District,** described in the table below.

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent	Boundaries
01	Portion of Survey No. 60/1	02 Acres	**East by :** Property bearing Survey No. 60/2; **West by :** Road & Property bearing Survey No. 60/17, **North by :** Property bearing Survey No. 60/3 and **South by :** Road.
02	Portion of Survey No. 60/17	02 Acres 33 Guntas	**East by :** Property bearing Survey No. 60/1, **West by :** Remaining portion of property bearing Survey No. 60/17, **North by :** Property bearing Survey No. 60/1 and **South by :** Road.

Mr. Srinivas B. R. & Ms. Brijita Prakash, Partners
DSK Legal,
Prestige Loka, No. 201, 2nd Floor,
No. 7/1 & 7/7, Brunton Road, Craig Park Layout,
Bengaluru - 560 025. Ph : 080 - 6954 8770.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 12-10-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client **Mrs SHABEENA W/o Syed Ali N** residing at No 13, 2 & 3rd Floor, J B Kaval, MS Palya, Bengaluru 560097. Is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr MOHAMMED AZAM S/o Mohammed Ismeil,** Residing at No 342, Koyas Factory Main Road, M S Palya, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru 560 097. If Anyone Person/s, firm/ company / institution / organization or establishment, is/are having any right, title, interest, claim, share, or objections in respect of schedule property hereby required / request to intimate in writing to the undersigned advocate or may contact the undersigned advocate with documentary proof, within **7 days** hereof, and Any claim made after the stipulated period, will not be considered, it will be presumed that there is/are no claims and will not be valid, same shall be null & void, such person/s shall be considered as waived and not binding on my Client and my Client will proceed with completion of sale transaction by way of Execution Sale Deed in respect of the Schedule Property in/on the name of my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property Bearing site No 40 and 40/A, BBMP New Katha No2376/55/9/2/40/40/A, old BBMP Khatha No 55/9/2/40& 40/A, situated at **Aditya Nagar, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South 33 feet, in all 1320 Sq feet and bounded on the :**

East by: Road, West by: Aslam's House and Pathway, North by: Shaik Mohammed, South by: House in site No 41 Belonging to vijay and path way.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. SUJAATA. .R, W/o. Sri. Rengarajam Deivanayagam, intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners Sri. ANAND MADHAVAN S/o. Sri.. G. Madhavan, Rep. by his Father and Attorney Holder Sri. G. MADHAVAN, S/o. S. v. Gopalkrishnan, resident of No.1113, Sector-7 Panchkula, Haryana -134109.

If any persons, banks, financial intuitions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Residential Apartment bearing No. 3D, measuring 1925 Sq. Ft. of SBA & 878 Sq Ft of UDS BBMP Khata No. 30/158/164/187/27/2/3-3D in the Third Floor of the Apartment Building known as "DEVINARAYAN'S WHISPERING MEADOWS". constructed on the converted land being portion of Survey No.27/2, situated at Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on: EAST BY : Haralur Road ; WEST BY : Property bearing Survey No.27; NORTH BY : Site No. 4 formed in Sy.No27/2; SOUTH BY : Site NO.2 formed in Sy. No27/2;

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
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Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 11-10-2023

EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

REVA University celebrated 8th CONVOCATION DAY

Premier educational institution REVA University conducted the 8th Annual Convocation on its campus. At the 8th Annual Convocation, a total of 4289 students including Ph.D. students received their graduation/doctoral degrees. Honourable Governor of Karnataka His Excellency Thawar Chand Gehlot; Chief Guest Dr. T G Sitharam Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi; Dr. M C Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka and Dr. P Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University graced the 8th Convocation Ceremony held at REVA University. The event also saw a tremendous participation of students and parents.

Advanced Research Centre for Clean and Green Energy' established at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, on the occasion of 'National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day

This Research Centre aims to produce the Green Hydrogen from Seawater in low cost. In the beginning, Dr. H.C. Nagaraj, Principal of NMIT welcomed the gathering. Dr. M.S. Thakur, Head of Bio-Engineering Research Centre at NMIT briefed the ongoing Research activities of the Centre. Rohit Punja, Administrator, Nitte Education Trust; Research students and faculty members were present on the occasion. Prof. K.B. Rao proposed vote of thanks.

Pre conference workshop of 49th annual state conference of KCIAPM-KAPCON 2023 at Nitte (Deemed to be University), Deralakatte, Mangaluru

Department of Pathology and KSHEMA Centre for Genetic Services, Central Research Laboratory, K S Hegde Medical Academy (KSHEMA) on the occasion of silver jubilee celebration organized pre conference workshop on "Interpretation of Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH) and application of conventional cytogenetics in haematological malignancy" . Dr. Jayaprakash Shetty, Vice Dean (Admin.), KSHEMA, Organizing Chairperson of KAPCON-2023 welcomed the guests and gathering. The pre-conference workshop was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Dr. Jayarama S. Kadandale, Director, Centre for Human Genetics, Bengaluru, Guest of honour Dr. P S Prakash, Dean, KSHEMA, Dr. Jayaprakash Shetty, Vice Dean (Admin), KSHEMA, Dr D Prashanth Shetty, coordinator, KSHEMA Centre for genetic services. This hands-on workshop garnered 55 delegates from all over Karnataka. Ms. Shivani U., a research scholar, served as the program's master of ceremony.

Ramaiah Medical College organized National Health Conference NAMSCON2023

Ramaiah Medical College (RMC), a prestigious institution under Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) organised the Inauguration & Convocation Ceremony of the 63rd Annual Conference of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMSCON) at Ramaiah Medical College. It was a highly anticipated healthcare conference in collaboration with the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS), a distinguished body operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The conference featured the release of the NAMS annual report, information brochure, and scientific proceedings by the chief guests and guests of honour. The 63rd Annual Conference of the National Academy of Medical Sciences is poised to be an exceptional event, showcasing the latest in medical innovation, research, and excellence. Ramaiah Medical College, a prominent institution in the field of medical education and healthcare, is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of healthcare professionals and advancing medical research.

27th Graduation Ceremony of Rajarajeshwari Dental College and Hospital

Recently Rajarajeshwari Dental College and Hospital conducted its 27th Graduation Ceremony at ACS Convention Center. Hon'ble Chief Guest His Royal Highness, Sri.Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Maharaja of Mysore, delivered the Graduation day address along with awarding medals to the graduates. Founder Chancellor Dr. A.C Shanmugam, President Sri A.C.S Arun Kumar, Smt.S.Lalithalakshmi, Managing Trustee, Moogambigai Charitable & Educational Trust, Dr. S.Vijayanand, Executive Director, Dean Dr. Edwin Devadoss, Principal Dr.Girish H.C and entire doctor's team of the hospital and all the staff graced the function. 100 undergraduates and 38 post graduates students got their graduation certificates. The college prides itself for securing ranks in RGUHS examination regularly. This year 56 undergraduates and 04 post graduates obtained university ranks.

Want to keep surgery bill low? Avoid surgical-site infections

Investing in safe surgeries could significantly reduce the costs associated with surgeries in low-to-middle-income countries like India, according to a study. The findings show that surgical site infections extend hospital stays up to a month or more and worsen the financial burden on patients

Joel P. Joseph

Infections sustained during surgery can balloon into a huge problem for patients. PIRON GUILLAUME/UNSPLASH

Safety measures before a surgery aren't just to save lives - they can also significantly lower the health bill if followed in letter and spirit.

Investing in safe surgeries could significantly reduce the costs associated with surgeries in low-to-middle-income countries like India, according to a study published in the *Journal of Hospital Infection*.

Mark Monahan, a lecturer of health economics at the Institute of Applied Health, University of Birmingham, led the multinational study. The findings show that surgical site infections extend hospital stays up to a month or more and worsen the financial burden on patients and their families.

What is a surgical site infection?

A surgical site infection is a common complication in surgeries worldwide. It is an infection that occurs at the site of a surgery in the body. It could be a superficial skin infection or a deeper one, involving tissues. About 11% of patients who undergo surgery contract such infections, according to a 2018 WHO report.

Ankit Jain, a consultant of surgical oncology at Jawaharlal Nehru Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Bhopal, said surgical site infections increase healthcare costs by prolonging hospital stay and by demanding more human and medical resources to treat these infections.

What did the new study do?

In the new study, the researchers investigated resource costs for patients who underwent abdominal surgeries across 13 hospitals in four countries - India, Mexico, Nigeria, and Ghana - between April and October 2020.

The study considered a range of procedures, including caesarean sections, gastric perforation repair, hysterectomy, and umbilical hernia repair. The procedures were classified into two types:

1. Clean-contaminated surgeries - where surgeons cut into the gut, respiratory tract, or urinary tract in controlled sterile conditions

2. Contaminated-dirty surgeries - which includes accidental wounds, spillage from the gut, or a breach in the sterile conditions About half the surgeries analysed in the study were for benign diseases, 39% were for obstetric issues, and the rest were trauma- or cancer-related surgeries.

The study was a part of a larger randomised controlled trial (RCT) called FALCON, which involved 57 hospitals in seven countries to investigate the effects of interventions on surgical site infections. The trial was led by the National Institute for Health and Care Research, U.K.

Researchers rarely study costs in RCTs and doing so is also complex. Several groups have estimated the costs associated with surgical site infections, but researchers have mostly carried out these studies at the single-hospital level, not across hospitals. Such studies have also estimated costs only up to the patient's discharge from the hospital, not after."This is the first multi-continental surgical cost study of its kind and reveals substantial additional postoperative costs associated with [surgical site infections] across a range of settings," Dr. Monahan said in a press release.

Did the study have limitations?

As the COVID-19 pandemic made recruiting patients for the study difficult, researchers included retrospective data for clean-contaminated surgeries, asking patients for the costs they incurred when they had a surgical site infection in the past. This, as the authors write, "may have affected the post-discharge healthcare estimates due to recall bias."

In addition, the number of samples and surgical site infections in Mexico and Nigeria were too low to draw any general conclusions about costs. Finally, the cost differences between different countries may have been influenced by several factors, such as the type of hospital in which the study was carried out (private or government, e.g.).

What are the study's limitations?

In their analysis, the researchers estimated the costs associated with the additional resources that patients with surgical site infections used when they were still at the hospital or returned after discharge, and the costs around patient care after discharge.

They found that surgical site infections occurred in 27% of contaminated-dirty surgeries and 7% of clean-contaminated surgeries. However, the healthcare costs associated with a surgical site infection following a clean-contaminated surgery (higher by 75%) were higher than in the case of a contaminated-dirty surgery (67%).For clean-contaminated surgeries, patients with surgical site infection incurred healthcare costs of about €959 (₹ 85,300) after surgery. But their counterparts without surgical site infections incurred € 517.

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On the other hand, patients who suffered surgical site infections after undergoing contaminated-dirty surgeries incurred a total healthcare cost of about €828. But their counterparts without surgical site infections incurred €497.

The bulk of these amounts were for post-surgery patient care in a hospital (96.4% of total cost after clean-contaminated surgery and 92.5% after contaminated-dirty surgery).

The team also added travel costs and income loss to these figures. So people with and without surgical site infections after clean-contaminated surgeries incurred an estimated total expense of € 1064 and € 605; and those with and without surgical site infections after contaminated-dirty surgeries incurred € 997 and € 678.

How did costs change in India?

Notably, India had the highest increase in healthcare costs associated with surgical site infections following clean-contaminated surgeries, at ₹ 46,000. It also featured the lowest increase in healthcare costs for surgical site infections after contaminated-dirty surgeries, at ₹ 20,000.

The findings echo those from previous studies at a single-hospital level in different countries, including India.

For example, one 2020 study suggested that 5.63% of patients who underwent a caesarean section at S.S.G. Hospital, Baroda, between July 2019 and March 2020 had surgical site infections. The total cost of illness because of the infection was almost thrice as much as the costs to patients without a surgical site infection.

The average length of stay in the hospital for the former was 10 days longer than the latter. These patients were also treated with antibiotics for thrice as long as those without such infections.

How can we avoid these costs?

Bengaluru-based transplant surgeon Sonal Asthana said that a substantial number of surgical site infections occur in semi-urgent and emergency surgeries, and the financial burden associated with these infections is significant for patients in India, where insurance coverage is low and out-of-pocket expenses are high.

The number of surgical site infections in India has also been consistently higher than the international average.

According to Dr. Asthana, this is because of "late presentation of cases, higher levels of emergency surgery, poor hospital practices, and rampant use of antibiotics."

"Even a simple checklist of procedures like skin decontamination, adequate site marking before the surgical procedure etc., can reduce errors and morbidity," he added.

In 2016, the WHO outlined such a checklist for surgical procedures. While they may look simple, Dr. Asthana continued, adhering to them with discipline could considerably lower infection incidence.

(Joel P. Joseph is a freelance science journalist and researcher.)

Students in scorching heat at a university in Visakhapatnam. V. RAJU

Deadly heat will soon hit billions: study

Reuters

Billions of people could struggle to survive in periods of deadly, humid heat within this century as temperatures rise, particularly in some of the world's largest cities, from Delhi to Shanghai, according to research published on October 9.

Towards the higher end of warming scenarios, potentially lethal combinations of heat and humidity could spread further including into areas such as the U.S. Midwest, the authors of the report said.

"It's very disturbing," study co-author Matthew Huber of Purdue University in the U.S. told Reuters. "It's going to send a lot of people to emergency medical care."

The study built on past research by Dr. Huber, George Mason University climatologist Daniel Vecellio, and other scientists on the point at which heat and humidity combine to push the human body beyond its limits without shade or help from technologies such as air conditioning.

It found that around 750 million people could experience one week per year of potentially deadly humid heat if temperatures rise 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

At 3C of warming, more than 1.5 billion people would face such a threat, according to the paper published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

While India, Pakistan, and the Gulf have briefly touched dangerous humid heat, the study found it will afflict major cities from Lagos to Chicago if the world keeps heating up

The world is on track for 2.8 C of warming by 2100 under current policies, according to a 2022 United Nations report.

While India, Pakistan, and the Gulf have already briefly touched dangerous humid heat in recent years, the study found it will afflict major cities from Lagos to Chicago if the world keeps heating up.

At 4C of warming, Hodeidah in Yemen could see around 300 days per year of potentially unsurvivable heat.

To track this heat, scientists use the wet-bulb temperature, taken by covering a thermometer with a water-soaked cloth. The process of water evaporating from the cloth mirrors how the human body cools with sweat.

In a landmark 2010 study, Dr. Huber proposed that a wet-bulb temperature of 35 C for six or more hours could be the conservative limit for the human body.

Beyond this, people were likely to succumb to heat stress if they couldn't cool down.

A decade later, a group of American scientists co-led by Dr. Vecellio tested this theory by placing young, healthy adults in environmental chambers with high wet-bulb temperatures. They found the limit was actually 30-31 C.

Huber and Vecellio joined forces for Monday's study to apply this lower limit to the world under various future climate warming scenarios.

"This will be a critical benchmark for future studies," said atmospheric scientist Jane Baldwin of University of California Irvine, who wasn't involved in the research.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

Meet the earth's, nature's, and the universe's heavyweights

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

The heaviest known fundamental particle is the top quark, discovered in 1995. The 'mass' of particles like this depends on how strongly they couple with another particle, called the _____ _____. Fill in the blank with the name of a particle discovered in 2012.

QUESTION 2

Venus weighs approximately 5 Rg and the earth, around 6 Rg. What does 'Rg' expand to and how many grams is it?

QUESTION 3

_____ is a large virus – so large that it weighs a million-times more than a typical protein molecule. Its name comes from the name given to the virus that causes the infection known as cowpox. The modern smallpox vaccine is made from this virus. Fill in the blank with its name.

QUESTION 4

The heaviest aircraft ever built is the _____ __-___. When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, a battle that occurred at Antonov Airport in Kyiv destroyed the only fully completed version of this vehicle. It had a take-off weight of 640 tonnes and could carry payloads of 130 tonnes. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 5

About 5 ml of material collected from this astronomical body is expected to weigh 5 billion tonnes. Astronomers think that there could be a billion of them in the Milky Way alone. What is this body?

Answers to October 10 quiz:

1. A measure of the relative difference between two power levels – **Ans: Decibel**
2. Threshold of human hearing in pascals – **Ans: 20 micropascals**
3. Scale used to modify sound power according to human sensitivity – **Ans: A-weighting**
4. Name for L_{eq} when data is collected at short intervals – **Ans: Short L_{eq}**
5. Noise Pollution Rules' daytime noise limit – **Ans: 55 dB(A) L_{eq}**

First contact: Mohammed Anshad E.K. | Harsha Makkuva | Saket Raj | Kamuju Phanindar

Visual: This is an illustration of the largest structure humans know in the universe, weighing 100-million-times as much as the Milky Way. Name it.
PABLO CARLOS BUDASSI

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Services regularised

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The services of 172 pourakarmikas have been regularised by the government.

Mayor Shivakumar said the workers whose services were regularised were earlier under the contract system which was abolished. They used to be paid directly by the MCC though their services were not regularised.

The process of regularisation has been completed in the case of 172 out of 203 pourakarmikas, said Mr. Shivakumar.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, OCT. 12	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:03
RISE 04:09	SET 16:41
FRIDAY, OCT. 13	
RISE 06:10	SET 18:02
RISE 04:55	SET 17:15
SATURDAY, OCT. 14	
RISE 06:10	SET 18:02
RISE 05:41	SET 17:50

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	21
Mysuru	31	23
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C The weather will be mostly dry. Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.

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BMTC starts feeder service on two routes from K.R. Pura metro station

Many employees from companies along the ORR have started utilising the service

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurated BMTC feeder bus services from K.R. Pura metro station to Central Silk Board.

With the entire Purple Line of Namma Metro now operational, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday inaugurated Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) feeder bus services from K.R. Pura metro station to Central Silk Board, catering to commuters in the tech corridor of the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

The BMTC launched feeder services on two routes originating at K.R. Pura metro station.

The first route runs from K.R. Pura to Central Silk Board, with a frequency of 5 minutes during peak hours and 8 minutes during non-peak hours.

The second route is a circular service from-and-to K.R. Pura metro station via Marathahalli, Kundalahalli, ITPL, and Garudacharpalya, operating every 5 minutes during peak hours and every 10 minutes during non-peak hours. The BMTC has also introduced Route 3, connecting Kadugodi to Kadugodi via Hope Farm, ITPL, Graphite India, AECS Layout gate, and Route 4 from Kadugodi to Marathahalli via Hope Farm, Varthur Kodi, and Siddapura.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. Reddy, accompanied by M.V. Rajeev Gowda, vice-chairperson of the State Institute For The Transformation of Karnataka (SITK), BMTC managing director G. Sathyavathi, Srinivas Alavilli, a fellow at WRI, and Manas Das, president of the Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA), boarded a bus at K.R. Pura metro station.

Many employees from different companies along the ORR also utilised the bus service.

The Personal2Public initiative launched by B.PAC and WRI India has been encouraging people to shift from personal vehicles to public transport at least twice a week.

Man arrested for posting private photos of fiancee

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The southeast cybercrime police on Wednesday arrested a 26-year-old student for allegedly posting private photos of his fiancee and sharing them with his friends from a fake account. The accused, Sanjay from Tamil Nadu, came to the city with his fiancee to study in a degree college and stayed in a rented house with her. The accused has been remanded in judicial custody.

Five new zonal commissioners

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has appointed new zonal commissioners for five Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike zones, besides posting a new Special Commissioner for Revenue.

The government has placed Munish Moudgil, Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, in concurrent charge of the post of BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue.) Vinoth Priya R., Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, is placed in concurrent charge of the post of Zonal Commissioner (South), Karee Gowda, Director, Atal Jana Snehi Kendra, is placed in concurrent charge of the post of Zonal Commissioner (Yelahanka), and Snehal R., Director (IT), Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, is placed in concurrent charge of the post of Zonal Commissioner (East).

Preeti Gehlot, Special Commissioner (Estates), BBMP, is placed in concurrent charge of the post of Zonal Commissioner (Dasarahalli), Ibrahim Maigur, Secretary, Real Estate Regulatory Authority, is placed in concurrent charge of the post of Zonal Commissioner (Mahadevapura).

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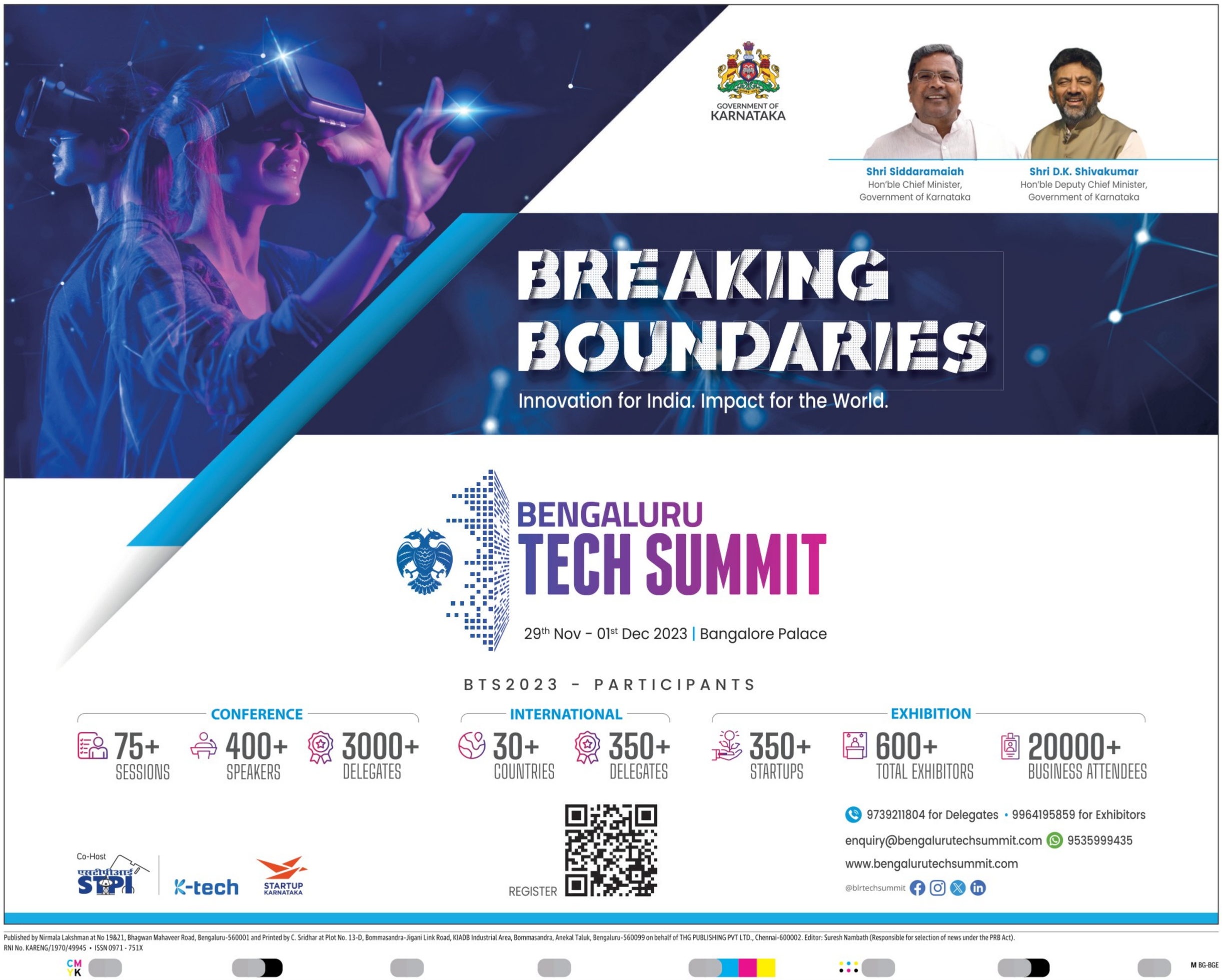

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Death toll due to the war between Israel and Hamas

2,200 The Israeli military said that more than 1,200 people have died in Israel since Saturday's attack. In Gaza, the ministry says more than 1,050 have been killed. PTI

The revised death toll due to earthquakes in Afghanistan

1,000 Afghan authorities on Wednesday significantly lowered the death toll from a series of quakes that struck western Herat during the weekend. AFP

The fall in the shares of state-owned Bank of Baroda

3.27 in %. This decline followed RBI's instruction asking the bank to halt onboarding new customers on its mobile app 'Bob World' following material supervisory concerns. PTI

The growth forecasted by the IMF for Pakistan

2.5 In percentage. The estimates are well above the projections of other multilateral agencies' despite the macroeconomic challenges faced by the cash-strapped country. PTI

Inflow in equity mutual funds slumps in September

30 in percentage. Inflow into equity mutual funds slumped to ₹14,091 crore in September due to a risk-off sentiment in the stock markets. PTI

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Concerns about govt.'s fact check unit

What do the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2023 (IT Rules) say about identifying fake news? Who has filed petitions against the amended Rules? What has the Court observed about editorial content online?

EXPLAINER

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

The Bombay High Court on September 29 reserved its verdict in a batch of petitions challenging the constitutionality of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2023 (IT Rules). The Rules permit a Fact Check Unit (FCU) of the Union Government to identify "fake or false or misleading" online content "related to the business of the Central Government" and demand its removal.

What happened?

In April this year, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MEiTY) promulgated the 2023 IT Rules, which amended the Information Technology Rules, 2021, and allowed the Ministry to appoint a fact checking unit. Subsequently, Kunal Kamra, a political satirist, the Editors Guild of India, and the Association of Indian Magazines filed writ petitions before the Bombay High Court challenging Rule 3(1)(b)(v) of the IT Rules that permit the constitution of a FCU.

The petitioners contend that the provision would enable government-led censorship online and empower the government to be the "prosecutor, the judge, and in that loose sense, the executioner" of what constitutes the 'truth' online. Defending the provision, the government has argued that the FCU will only notify intermediaries or online platforms that the content they are hosting is fake, false, or misleading, and that intermediaries can choose to take it down or leave it up with a disclaimer.

A Bench comprising Justices G.S. Patel and Neela Gokhale of the High Court said that it will pass its ruling on the controversial amendment on December 1. The government has apprised the Court that the FCU will not be notified until the judgment is delivered.

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What does the amendment say?

The amendment brings about significant changes to Rule 3(1)(b)(v) of the IT Rules, 2021, which deals with the responsibilities of intermediaries. They are now under an obligation to make "reasonable efforts" to ensure that users do not "host, display, upload, modify, publish, transmit, store, update, or share any information" which is "identified as fake or false or misleading by a fact check unit of the Central government" in respect of "any business of the Central government." Failure to comply with this puts intermediaries at risk of losing the safe harbour protection provided under Section 79 of the IT Act, 2000. The safe harbour safeguard exempts intermediaries from liability for any third-party information made available or hosted by them.

What did the High Court say?

Early on in the proceedings, in April, the Bombay High Court observed that the amended Rules no matter how well-intentioned, lack necessary safeguards. The Court expressed the opinion that *prima facie*, the Rules do not seem to offer protection for fair criticism of the government like parody and satire. Highlighting the ambiguity surrounding the term "any business of the Central government," the Court wondered if speeches made ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections would fall within its ambit. It then enquired if publications questioning the veracity of such political speeches would be covered by the amendment, thus empowering the government to identify "fake or misleading news" about itself.

Additionally in July, the Court remarked that if the consequences of a law are unconstitutional, it has to be done away with no matter how laudable the motive for its introduction was. The remark was made after Senior Advocate Navroz Seervai argued that the amendment violates Article 14 of the Constitution by discriminating between false news about the government and other false news.

The Court also questioned the sudden need for a FCU, pointing out that the Press Information Bureau (PIB) has been efficiently fact-checking for years. Also, referring to undefined terms in the Rules such as "fake, false, and misleading," the Court outlined that what is misleading for one may not necessarily be misleading for another. Underscoring that such terms are subjective and open to various interpretations, the Court remarked, "Those are the only three criteria [to flag content as false]. We don't know the business of the Central government. The expression like fake is extremely problematic. One might argue something is false. Falsity puts us in a binary, fake doesn't even attempt to do that. The word 'misleading' in the Rules is an extremely problematic area since it is an opinion."

Addressing editorial content online, Justice Patel enquired, "In newspapers, if you look at criticism of government figures on the state of the economy, figures may come from official sources. Analysts may have their own figures. Is it fake news? What happens to editorial content online? You may find any editorial extremely hard-hitting."

Observing that the powers bestowed upon the FCU were sort of a 'diktat', the Court expressed surprise that there is no provision in the Rules that provides an opportunity for an aggrieved intermediary to justify or defend the flagged content. This violates the principles of natural justice.

Similarly, the Court said that it was troubled by the fact that even the user whose post has been removed or whose account has been suspended by the intermediary after being flagged by the FCU, was left with no recourse or remedy.

THE GIST

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Why are cases against Yunus drawing attention?

Why is Mohammad Yunus, winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, being prosecuted by the government of Bangladesh? What is the role of the U.S in these allegations?

Kallol Bhattacherjee

The story so far:

In May this year, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed a case against several members of the board of directors of Grameen Telecom, that included Nobel laureate Dr. Mohammad Yunus, over allegations that the board was involved in misusing funds from the workers. This was one of the several complaints against Mr. Yunus, the 2006 winner of the Nobel peace prize, known for his unique venture of microfinancing in Bangladesh. In the backdrop of a slew of official investigations by the Sheikh Hasina government, an open letter by 175 global leaders that included Nobel laureates called for the withdrawal of judicial cases against Mr. Yunus.

How is the U.S. playing a role?

Over the past several years, the Bangladesh government has faced sustained criticism from the U.S. government, especially from the U.S. State Department for alleged democratic backsliding on human rights issues. In this context, the support from senior figures within the U.S. establishment like the former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, has made Mr. Yunus a representative figure of U.S.'s diplomatic pressure and a rival to the Sheikh Hasina government. It is this angle that has added an international and political dimension to the cases against Mr. Yunus.

Does he pose a political challenge?

Mohammed Yunus received the Nobel prize in 2006 when Sheikh Hasina was out of power and Bangladesh was being ruled by a military-backed caretaker government. It was also a phase when Bangladesh faced the threat of terrorism repeatedly. In 2007, Mr. Yunus issued an advertisement in a leading newspaper seeking public opinion about him launching a political party. That was the first and the most prominent indication of his political intent. Sheikh Hasina was in jail at that time for nearly 11 months under charges of extortion.

Since the beginning of the second term of Sheikh Hasina's government in 2009, Mr. Yunus has faced increased scrutiny for his initiatives. In October 2019, a Dhaka court even issued an arrest warrant against him after he failed to appear in person in a case of alleged violation of labour law. His famed model of financial support to women of rural Bangladesh has also come under the scrutiny of the Bangladesh government. However, in the backdrop of the U.S.'s campaign, there has been a hushed demand for a "third alternative" or a government that will not be led by the Awami League or its political rival the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

What is the third alternative?

Bangladesh is in a state of political stalemate between the ruling Awami League and the BNP. On the one hand, there is the Awami League government that is not in favour of holding elections under a caretaker government and on the other hand there is the BNP that wants elections under a caretaker government. Then there is another section in Bangladesh who, with the support from the U.S., has silently championed the third alternative which will be led by Mr. Yunus. The fact that Mr. Yunus enjoys the support of the Americans who critique Sheikh Hasina has made him a political rival of sorts for Ms. Hasina.

What is the PM's position?

In response to concerns for Mr. Yunus, Sheikh Hasina has said that international observers are welcome to join the probe. More investigators joining the probe will further unmask him, Ms. Hasina said. This, however, does not indicate that political shadow boxing has ended between the two. The investigation that Ms. Hasina's government began in 2009-11 has reached a critical phase. The trial of Mr. Yunus began on August 22 and focuses on his reluctance to obey the labour laws of Bangladesh. Various outfits like the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments are involved in taking the cases forward. Charges against Yunus include failure of Grameen Telecom in regularising 101 staff members and a workers' welfare fund. The biggest but unspoken allegation against Mr. Yunus is that he abused his celebrity status to avoid accountability.

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UVCE seeks funds for infra development, staff recruitment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering is the State's first autonomous institute on the IIT model. FILE PHOTO

The board of governors of the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), the State's first autonomous institute on the IIT model, has demanded that the State government release adequate funds for infrastructural development and recruitment process.

At a press conference on Wednesday, B. Muthuraman, chairman of the board, said, "We have sought ₹850 crore from the government over the next five years, including ₹225 crore for salaries of existing as well as yet-to-be-recruited faculty members and staff, ₹125 crore for normal maintenance and ₹500 crore for infrastructure and equipment. We have so far received ₹25 crore for infrastructure and equipment, including salaries for existing faculty. We are positively hopeful of receiving more funds from the government."

He said, "The annual budget of the IIT Madras is around ₹1,000 crore. It is spending around ₹10 lakh per engineering student per annum. But our annual budget is very small and we are spending less than ₹1 lakh per student per annum. To develop the UVCE on the IIT model, we need around ₹600 crore to ₹700 crore per annum."

Mr. Muthuraman said, "For 15 years, the government has not recruited any staff. As of now, among 139 sanctioned teaching faculty members, there are 73 regular faculty members and the rest are guest faculties. Among 203 sanctioned non-teaching staff, only 35 are the regular staff and the rest are outsourced. He said they had also requested the government to provide 50 to 100 acres of land on the Jnana Bharathi campus, but the K.R.Circle campus and heritage building would remain with the institution.

Meanwhile, for the next five years, the UVCE will be allocated seats through the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA). H.N. Ramesh, director (Interim) and principal of the UVCE, said, "Seat allocation for the UVCE was being done through the KEA from the beginning. Earlier, we decided to fill 75% of the engineering seats through CET, which will be conducted by the KEA, and 25% seats through the Joint Entrance Examination conducted by the National Testing Agency as all-India quota seats. However, recently we took a decision to allot 100% engineering seats through the KEA for the next five years."

'Space stations are like prison with nice view if you don't keep yourself busy'

Crew members have very strict schedules at space station, says French astronaut Thomas Pesquet who has had two stints at the ISS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

French astronaut Thomas Pesquet, who has had two stints in the International Space Station (ISS), says, "Space stations sometimes are like a prison with a really nice view if you don't keep yourself busy out there."

Mr. Pesquet was in the ISS between November 2016 and June 2017, and from April to November 2021. He spoke about his time at the ISS during his talk on 'From Space Stations to Permanent Bases', at the Indian Institute of Science on Wednesday.

He said that crew members keep themselves engaged with a range of activities. Outlining his and fellow crew members' weekly activities at the ISS, Mr. Pesquet said that one needs to find some work-life balance even on the space station.

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>
> **THOMAS PESQUET,** French astronaut

"We have very strict schedules at the space station. During the weekdays, we start at 7.30 in the morning. There is a conference between all the centres, and then everybody goes to work, followed by sports and physical training. We finish work around 7.30-8 in the evening. Then, it is your free time. Some people go to bed early, some people go to bed late, and then there is always somebody on the phone. You can call your friends and family, usually in the evening," Mr. Pesquet said. The weekends are a mix of work and leisure time.

"On Saturdays, you clean the space station. In the morning, you vacuum and wipe all the surfaces. In the afternoon, you engage yourself with sports, and the rest of the day is free. On Sundays, you again make calls and do physical training. So, everybody does what they want. For me, it was taking pictures, but there are people who jot down details of their flight, or read, or watch movies. The good thing is we are busy all the time. When you are not busy, space stations sometimes look like a prison with a really nice view," Mr. Pesquet said.

Replying to a query from the audience on the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in space stations, Mr. Pesquet said, "There is not much (role of AI) because the environment we live in is too complicated and too complex, as there are stuff everywhere. It really takes a human being to understand what is going on.

Though NASA had developed a humanoid robot, named Robonaut, to perform some repetitive tasks, it added very little value.

"It added no value for the human being because there is a mess of things out there, a mess of cables everywhere. The added value from robots was not much. On the other hand, you have rovers and probes, which are 100% automated but are still run by people on the ground. Right now, ISS is run by normal intelligence, or manned intelligence," he added.

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Dated : 07-10-2023.
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

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Improvement to S&T / Gatishakti / Mysuru stores at Ashokapuram Station.	Rs. 22,63,840.45

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Deputy Chief Project Manager/Engineer Gati Shakti Unit Mysuru
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Tender Notice No: 03-CWS-MYSS-2023-24
Dated : 05-10-2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Modular Cubicle Workstation in various offices / sections at CWS / Mysuru South.	Rs. 21,85,950/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 30-10-2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
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3. Interested parties can go around the shop with prior permission from authority before last date of submission of application form.
4. The application will be enfaced with **"Application for Allotment of Regimental Shop"** on the envelope at the time of submission.
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I, KOLKAR Renuka Rayappa, r/at No.125, 6th Cross, 1st Main, Varma Layout, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Kempapura, Bengaluru 560024 have changed my name as Renuka Kolkar vide affidavit dtd 11.10.2023 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **G ANUSUYA** spouse of No.13969712 Ex-TS NK (Late) Rajashekara (Name of the Husband) resident of No. 105, 6th Cross, Mahadeshwaranagar Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore-560091, have changed my Name from **G ANUSUYA** (Existing Name of spouse as per change of Next of Kin Record / Service Documents) to **ANASUYA G** (proposed/adopted New Name) vide affidavit dated 10.10.2023, before Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bengaluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAGHU Munuswamy, r/at No.15/1, 7th Link Road, Cholurupalya, Magadi-road, Bengaluru 560053 have changed my name as Raghu Muniswamy vide affidavit dtd 09.10.2023 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, Bluru

I, SAMEERA Taj Syed Tajuddin, W/o Syed Nisar Ahmed, R/at No.5, 12th Cross, Anwar Layout, K.G.Halli, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from Sameera Taj Syed Tajuddin to Sameera Taj vide affidavit dated 10-10-2023 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

THANKSGIVING

ST JUDE, Thanks for listening to my prayers. Please Bless Joy always.

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LOST & FOUND

SHAIK Mosen Ahamed S/o Mr. Shaik Sadiq has misplaced his X standard ICSE Marks Card and Pass Certificate on 10-08-2023 while travelling by bus. The Registration No. is TF 30177444. An FIR had also been lodged on 21-08-2023

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

Unnumbered R.F.A No./2022(Filing No.22/2022)

Appellants:

1.Premakumari W/o late Sreedharan Aged 64 years, residing at Vadakkanthara desom Karukkodiyil, Palakkad Taluk, Palakkad District Pin 678572
2. Sreejith S/o late Sreedharan Aged 47 years, residing at do
3. Sreeja D/o late Sreedharan, residing at do

Vs

Respondents

1. Ananthalakshmi W/o late Bhaskaran, Aged 69 years, residing at Panathoor Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, Karnataka State, Pin 560022
2. Krishnakumari D/o late Bhaskaran, Residing at do
3. Soni D/o late Bhaskaran, residing at do

COURT NOTICE

Whereas the above RFA stands posted for appearance of the above named respondents on 30.10.2023. Hence, the above respondents are hereby informed to appear before the court in person or through pleader on 30.10.2023 at 10.15 A.M and submit objections if any. Otherwise the above RFA will be decided in your absence.

Dated this the 10 day of October 2023
Sd/-
RAJESH SIVARAMANKUTTY
Counsel for the appellants

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 75)
O.S. NO. 25687/2023

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Mansi Singh, Aged about 24 years, D/o Mr. Anil Kumar Singh ...PLAINTIFF
AND:
1. Mr. NARASIMHA MURTHY S/o. Lakshminarasaiah, Aged 47 years, No. 202, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Kantirava Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096.
...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,86,426.34/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six and paisa Thirty Four Only)** apart from future interest of 24% p.a. in **O.S. No. 25687/2023** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 75,** Before Addl. City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court, on the **15th** day of **November, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 07th day of October, 2023.

By the order of court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Judge,
Mayohall Bangalore- 560001

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-12)
O.S No. 6724/2022
Hg. 16/11/2023

Between:
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. Tangati Rahul
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Tangati Rahul
F/o Late Vinod Kumar
Aged about 36 years
R/at- Sri Lakshmi Pg. No. 271, BemL Layout, Kundanahalli Bangalore Near, Ramdev Sagar, Bengaluru-560037.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.13,16,086.83/-** along with interest at the rate of **24% P.A.** against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XVI Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-12), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **16.11.2023** at **11:00 A.M** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 5th day of October, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 75)
O.S. NO. 25687/2023

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Mansi Singh, Aged about 24 years, D/o Mr. Anil Kumar Singh ...PLAINTIFF
AND:
1. Mr. NARASIMHA MURTHY S/o. Lakshminarasaiah, Aged 47 years, No. 202, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Kantirava Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096.
...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,86,426.34/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six and paisa Thirty Four Only)** apart from future interest of 24% p.a. in **O.S. No. 25687/2023** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 75,** Before Addl. City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court, on the **15th** day of **November, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 07th day of October, 2023.

By the order of court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Judge,
Mayohall Bangalore- 560001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

In The Court of The Honourable Commercial District Judge of Coimbatore
I.A. NO. 1 OF 2023
C.O.S. NO. 46 OF 2023

NOTICE

M/s. Sri Venkateswara Packings,
- Rep. by its partner
Mr. S. Velusamy
- Petitioner / Plaintiff.

Vs

1. **M/s. Weiben Clothing Proprietary Concern,**
No.19, Ground Floor, Near St.Antony Church, Kodathi, Carmelaram Post, Bangalore - 560 035.
- Rep. by its Proprietor

2. **Dr.Gopalakrishnan,**
S/o Late. Sundaramoorthy, No.8D, Vahe Landmark Apartments 215, Varthur Main Road, Gunjur, Bengaluru - 560 087
- Respondent nos.1 and 6 / Defendant nos. 1 and 6

The plaintiff above has filed the above suit against you seeking for the relief of recovery of money in **C.O.S.No.46/2023** on the File of Hon'ble Commercial District Judge of Coimbatore, so also an attachment application in **I.A.No.1/2023** and suit is pending for disposal and the same is posted to **20.10.2023** for your appearance. As such you are hereby informed to appear either in person or through counsel on that date at 10.30 A.M before the said Court, failing which, the Court may pass suitable orders against you in accordance with Law. This is for your kind information.

// As per Order of the Court //

Mr. S.Chandrasekaran M.A.,B.L.,DLL., Advocate,
85/12, Cherran Tower Apartments, Govt. Arts College Road, Coimbatore - 641 018.
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 21)
O.S. NO. 25068/2023

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Mansi Singh, Aged about 24 years, D/o Mr. Anil Kumar Singh ...PLAINTIFF
AND:
1. Mr. SURESHA KR
S/o Ramanna, Aged Major, No.58, 1 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Madhuramma Layout, Sree Gandada Kavalu, Vishwaneedam Post Bangalore- 560091
...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.7,64,511.92/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven and Paisa Ninety Two Only)** apart from future interest of 8.60% p.a. in **O.S. No. 25068/2023** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 21,** Before Addl. City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court, on the **14th** day of **December, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 07th day of October, 2023.

By the order of court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court Mayohall
Bengaluru- 560001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL CITY CIVIL, AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYO HALI, AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. No. 25176/2023

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M. G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Ms. Mansi Singh, Aged about 24 years, D/o Mr. Anil Kumar Singh ...PLAINTIFF
AND :
1. Mr. Irshad Khan, S/o Mr. Sanaulla Khan, Aged 32 Years, No. 101/1023, 2nd Main Road, Dr. Ambedkar Layout, K.B. Sandra, Near Tulips Garden School, Bangalore- 560032.
Also at- Mr. Irshad Khan S/o Sanaulla Khan, Aged 32 Years, No. 484, 1st Stage, 5th Block. HBR Layout, Near NJK Garment Factory, Bangalore-560043. ...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendant

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 12,38,806.89 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Six and Paisa Eighty Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 15.50% p.a. in **O.S. No. 25176/2023** and same is pending adjudication in CCH 74. Before AddL. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **06th** day of **November, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the **05th** day of **October, 2023.**

By the order of Court,
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall,
BENGALURU-560 001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

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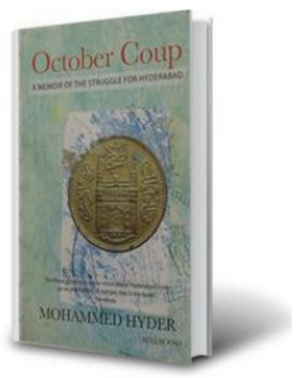
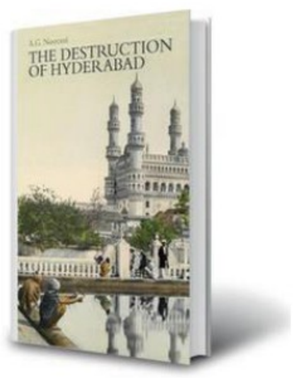




Memories linger: The memorial for the people who were killed in the Razakars' attack, at Gorta Village, Bidar district as seen on August 13, 2022. FILE PHOTO

The events before and after Operation Polo in Hyderabad post-Independence

After the country won its freedom, Indian Army forces were sent in to overcome the kingdom's troops. The aftermath of this event on September 13, 1948, is still being researched, investigated and written about

Serish Nanisetti

The Partition of India and Pakistan is a dark chapter in the history of humanity that led to the death, displacement and destruction of property of millions of people. A much more complex story, albeit on a smaller scale, unfolded in the princely kingdom of Hyderabad. Ruled by Nizam Osman Ali Khan who was as whimsical and unpredictable as they come, the kingdom had 81.17% Hindus and a 12.83% Muslim population according to the 1941 Census.

When India became free on August 15, 1947, Hyderabad remained independent. Rather, it tried to stay independent citing the communal bonhomie, size of the kingdom and its infrastructure. But it was not to be. Beginning on September 13, 1948, at 4.30 a.m. the Indian Army attacked from four frontiers and made short work of the kingdom's armed forces.

The events leading up to what was called Operation Polo and its aftermath is still being researched, investigated and written about.

The newest book to join this corpus is Afsar Mohammed's *Remaking History – 1948 Police Action and the Muslims of Hyderabad*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2023. Afsar's book looks at the events of 'Police Action' through the prism of fiction and non-fiction mostly in Telugu and Urdu languages. Juxtaposed with oral histories collected over the past decade, Afsar tries to show how people dealt with the trauma and change in the social fabric.

Reliving a trauma

Traumatic events are pushed out of memory. This is also true of Operation Polo, where the ruling class of Muslims and Hindu upper caste elite suddenly found themselves to be equal citizens. This sense of loss is captured in the title *Hyderabad – After the Fall*, edited by Omar Khalidi. The book published in 1988 in the U.S. has essays, eye-witness accounts and also the first extract from the secret report commissioned by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru into the post-merger violence in Hyderabad. The violence led to the killing of around 30,000 to 40,000 people, according to this report. It makes for a grim read.

Fall of Hyderabad by K.M. Munshi is a first-person account of India's Agent General in Hyderabad during the tumultuous period. Being a key player in the drama where he was put under house arrest for a few days, Munshi's account is key to understanding this period. But the version, rather the role Munshi claims to have played, is at variance with other accounts.

Relying on documentary evidence and archival material, V.K. Bawa's *Last Nizam* spans the lifetime of the last ruler of the Asaf Jahi dynasty. When it was first published in 1997, the book created a stir as it revealed the deep divisions and the inner working inside the palace of Nizam Osman Ali Khan.

This autobiographical account of V.P. Menon, the right-hand man of Vallabhbhai Patel, shows the delicate minuet in Delhi as he carried out a nuanced diplomatic game. *In The Story of the Integration of the Indian States*, Menon devotes three chapters to the issue but lays the groundwork for a generation of researchers.

The last prime minister of Hyderabad, Mir Laik Ali, who was an industrialist has written an account trying to justify the endgame of the Nizam's reign. *In The Tragedy of Hyderabad,* Laik Ali is at the centre of everything trying to solve the transmission codes of the army, the deployment of troops and planning the destruction of transport lines.

Noorani's sharp account

Published in 2014 to critical acclaim, A.G. Noorani's *The Destruction of Hyderabad* is a poignant but sharper account of the events before and after Operation Polo. Buttressed with legal documents, personal letters and the complete Sunderlal Report, this one makes a grim reading about an event that had an element of certainty. It shows the key players including Nizam Osman Ali Khan, M.A. Jinnah, Sardar Patel and Mountbatten in an unflattering light.

Mohammed Hyder was a bureaucrat in Osmanabad at the time of 'Police Action'. Hyder became a suspect, was tried and exonerated. His account *October Coup* narrates the sequence of events as the war wound down in five days. The memoir's title comes from the events in October 1947 when India and Hyderabad came close to signing a Standstill Agreement but were thwarted by the Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen. The ringside account is riveting but some of the framing of larger events is fanciful.

From *Autocracy to Integration* by Lucien D. Benichou trawls a vast amount of information between 1938 and 1948 to present a neutral account of events leading up to Operation Polo. The author doesn't sanitise the account and tells the impact on Muslims as it is. This makes for an uncomfortable but necessary read to understand the post-Operation Polo violence.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Amitabh Bachchan, one of the most influential and successful artists in the history of Indian cinema, was born on October 11, 1942. Here is a quiz on his life and legacy

Prathmesh Kher

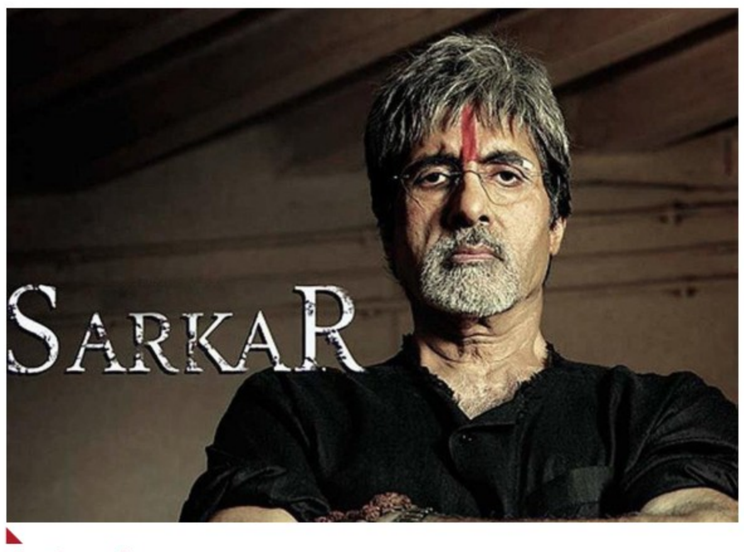
QUESTION 1
What was the name of the superhero designed after the official likeness of Amitabh Bachchan?

QUESTION 2
Mr. Bachchan is known for his rich voice. What was the first feature film to employ Amitabh Bachchan as a narrator?

QUESTION 3
Who were the screenwriter duo who created the 'angry young man' persona most associated with Amitabh Bachchan?

QUESTION 4
Which Lok Sabha constituency did Amitabh Bachchan contest, and win, from in 1984?

QUESTION 5
What is the name of France's highest civilian honour which was conferred upon Amitabh Bachchan?



Visual question:
Amitabh Bachchan's character in the movie *Sarkar* is based on which political leader from Maharashtra?

Questions and Answers of the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This is a historical geographical term referring to a large area in the Eastern Mediterranean region of West Asia. **Ans: Levant**
2. This is a nationalist movement which espouses support for establishing a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine. This Austro-Hungarian Jewish journalist promoted Jewish immigration to Palestine. **Ans: Zionism; Theodor Herzl**
3. Since 2006, Palestinians have been fractured by internal conflict between this party and this Islamist group. **Ans: Fatah and Hamas**
4. The public statement issued by the British government in 1917 announcing its support for the establishment of a Jewish state. **Ans: Balfour Declaration**
5. These were a pair of political agreements signed by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on September 17, 1978. **Ans: Camp David Accords**
Visual. Identify this place. **Ans: Al-Aqsa**
Early Birds: Anurag| Suraj Kumar| Joseph Nelson| Parasar Biswas| Vidya. V

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr. M. V. Srinivasan, Sree Visalakshi Mills, Visalakshinagar, Madurai, wants to know which of the following is correct (a) You are appointed as Manager of our company (b) You are appointed Manager of our company."

"Both are correct. There was a time when 'appoint as', 'choose as', 'consider as', 'report as', 'elect as', 'count as', were considered incorrect. Now the preposition 'as', in these is optional."

"Sir, Ms. A. Sinha, Shillong, wants to know the difference between 'foretell', and 'predict'."

" 'Fore', means 'before'. 'Foretell' means 'to tell before'. You foretell something because of certain powers you have; it is the result of some special knowledge or occult power.

She foretold his death.

'Predict' implies some 'inference from facts or accepted laws of nature'. Scientists predict on the basis of their observations, experiments. Astrologers foretell on the basis of their intuition.

With the available data, you can predict which party will win.

Occasionally 'predict' is used to mean 'foretell'."

"Sir, Mr. V. Srinivasan, Appu Street, Mylapore, Madras, wants to know whether there is any difference between British 'billion' and American 'billion'"

" 'Billion' in British English is one million million and in American English, it is one thousand million."

"Sir, Mr. Adayapalam Ramanathan, Sainagar, North Lallaguda, Secunderabad, wants to know the difference between 'battle' and 'war'."

"A war consists of a series of battles. One may lose a battle but win the war. War is 'armed fighting between nations.' Battle refers to a specific fight that 'may be part of a larger or continuing war'."

"Sir, Mr. T. J. Thomas, Theckethil, Kumbanad, Kerala, wants to know whether the word 'inequitous' exists in English."

"No. It should be 'iniquitous', which means 'extremely unjust or wicked'.

It was an iniquitous suggestion.
The rise in petrol price is iniquitous.
It was an iniquitous regime."

"Sir, Mr. G. Sateesh Kumar, Kappil, Edava, Trivandrum, wants to know whether the first 'i' in 'simultaneous' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'mind' or like the 'i' in 'fill'."

"In British English, it is pronounced like the 'i' in 'fill'. In American English, it is pronounced like the 'i' in 'mind'."

"Sir, Mr. C. V. Sreedhar wants to know the meaning of 'The die is cast'."

" 'The die is cast', means that 'a decision has been made and cannot be changed'. It is an irrevocable decision. 'Dice' 'is a small cube of wood, bone, plastic, etc. that has a different number of spots on each side, from one to six, used in games of chance'. 'Die' is the old singular. It is no longer used except in this idiom. 'Die' as a noun is used now to mean 'a metal block used for shaping metal, plastic, etc'. The plural of this is 'dies.' 'Dice' in the sense of 'a small cube' is now used as singular or plural like 'cross-roads', 'gallows', 'innings', etc."

Published in The Hindu on August 29, 1989.

Word of the day

Aficionado:
a serious devotee of some particular music genre or musical performer; an ardent follower and admirer

Synonyms: buff, fan, devotee

Usage: *She is an art aficionado.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/aficionadopro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əˌfɪʃ.(j)əˈnɑː.dəʊ/

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Decision to reduce buffer zones of Arkavati and Kumudvati draws flak

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's move to implement the 2019 and 2021 decisions of the State government to reduce the buffer zones of the Arkavati and Kumudvati from 1,000 metres to 500 metres has drawn criticism from conservationists and the Opposition.

Mr. Shivakumar said, "A decision in this regard was taken in 2019 and 2021. But the Urban Development Department has not implemented these decisions and has not been sanctioning plans for construction activity in the 500 m to 1,000 m area, leading to illegal construction. We have decided to implement these past decisions, to regulate construction in the area."

Senior BJP leader and MLA S. Suresh Kumar has

The 2019 and 2021 decisions of the govt. pertained to reducing the buffer zones of the rivers from 1,000 m to 500 m

condemned this decision, and demanded that it be rolled back immediately. Mr. Kumar said this decision would sound the death knell for Thippagondanahalli reservoir, which has been rejuvenated and to which 1.5 tmcft of water is expected to be diverted from the Yettinahole project and drinking water supplied to Bengaluru.

"I recall struggles in the 1990s when we fought against developments along the banks of the Arkavati and Kumudvati. In a scenario where we are trying to revive the Thippagondanahalli reservoir, this decision will impact these efforts adversely," he said.

However, Mr. Shivakumar claimed that a Government Order was issued in this regard in 2021, when the BJP was in power.

Water conservationist S. Vishwanath said the government had made this decision in 2019, and the decision was only being implemented now.

"Only residential development should be allowed in this area, which will open up now. Care must be taken to ensure there is proper underground drainage system and no sewage is let into the rivers. No industrial unit should be allowed to come up in this zone. Arkavati river basin is already so damaged that this move will not affect it any further. However, this is not a step towards the rejuvenation of the river," he said.

Authorities haven't provided any aid, say injured student's parents

Charan, a class VII student, was seriously injured when the wall of a concrete water tank collapsed on him at Morarji Desai Residential School on September 21; doctor says it will take nearly six months for him to recover

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Charan R., a class VII student who was seriously injured when the wall of a concrete water tank collapsed on him at Morarji Desai Residential School at K. Gollahalli in Bidadi hobli of Ramanagara district on September 21, continues to remain in hospital and his recovery is a long way off.

Charan R. is being treated at a private hospital at Ramanagara.

He is being treated at a private hospital Ramanagara. The boy's parents are seeking help for their son's expensive treatment. They expressed displeasure over officials of the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KRIES) and Backward Classes Welfare Department not providing financial aid for the treatment.

"After the incident, officials of the KRIES and Backward Classes Welfare Department, who had promised to take care of the student, including covering the entire medical expenses, have not come to the hospital," said Ravindra S.A., the boy's father who is a carpenter. The parents wrote to the Deputy Commissioner of Ramanagara on September 30 and explained the situation.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Ravindra said, "The incident happened on September 21 and one boy died while my son sustained serious injuries. After the incident, school authorities took my son to a local hospital and washed their hands off." He said the family had already spent more than ₹1 lakh for Charan's treatment. "The doctor said it will take nearly six months for him to recover. He has given an estimated bill for ₹2.5 lakh for his further treatment. As a carpenter, I cannot bear such expenses on my own," he said. "The department should bear the treatment cost as the incident happened due to the negligence of the school," he said.

Medical condition

Venkata Ramkumar, orthopaedic specialist at Ramakrishna Hospital, Ramanagara, who is treating the student, said while there is no threat to Charan's life, the pelvis near the bladder (where the bones come together from both sides of the trunk) has been injured, leading to difficulty in urination and curtailment of even mobility. He won't be able to stand up and walk for two months. "It may take six months for the boy's complete recovery and he can't go to school till then as well," said the doctor.

'Will bear the expenses'

On being contacted by *The Hindu*, Naveen Kumar Raju S., executive director of the KRIES, said they would bear the complete medical expenses of the student's treatment. "I will send our officers to the hospital and get the medical expenses details. Then, we will release the fund immediately. The principal of the school has been suspended and further inquiry is also going on. Legal action will be initiated against the culprits," he said.

Salesman and associate arrested for stealing 1.2 kg gold jewellery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Halasuru Gate police on Wednesday arrested a salesman of a jewellery shop and his associate for allegedly stealing 1.2 kg of gold jewellery worth ₹75 lakh by concocting a robbery story.

The accused, Lalsingh Rao, 20, from Rajasthan, was caught when the police were alerted. On sustained interrogation, he confessed to the crime. Based on his confession, the police tracked down his associate Raja Rao, a delivery boy who had escaped to his native place with the jewellery bag and arrested him.

Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said Lalsingh had been working in Lakshmi Jewellery, owned by Abhishek Jain, for eight months. On September 28, Abhishek gave a jewellery bag to Lalsingh to hand over to his business partner at Nallur in A.P. Lalsingh hatched a plan with his associate Raja to steal the valuables. As per the plan, the duo went to Nallur in a bus and handed over the bag to Raja before calling Abhishek to inform him that a gang of armed men snatched the bag at gunpoint. Shocked, Abhishek went to Nallur, and brought back Lalsingh to the city, and filed a complaint. The police, during the questioning, found many loose ends while Lalsingh was narrating the story. Based on suspicion, Lalsingh was taken into custody.

Job racket: Former BBMP war room employee held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Halasuru Gate police arrested a man who had allegedly cheated many unemployed youths promising jobs in the BBMP. The accused has been identified as Harsha, 24, a resident of Jambusavari Dinne who was working as a contract employee in the BBMP war room during the pandemic.

After completing his contract, he was unemployed and looked for an easy way to make money. In the guise of an influential person having contacts in the BBMP office, Harsha offered the job of marshal to gullible people. He took ₹3,000 from each of the over 200 aspirants he managed to convince. He also issued fake appointment letters to them. The fraud came to light when one of the victims, Sandeep L., went to the BBMP office with the appointment letter and realised it was fake. He then approached the police on October 3. Based on his complaint, the police tracked down Harsha on Wednesday and recovered ₹6 lakh from him.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through KPP Portal Only)

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Office of the Engineer in Chief, 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.

SI No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD (In Rs.)	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1	UFW-2	BWSSB/EE(UFW)-2/AEE (UFW)-2/JE/288/2023-24 Date: 10.10.2023	Rs. 9,71,291/- / Rs. 19,426/-	19.10.2023 upto 4.00 pm	20.10.2023 after 4.05 pm
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (UFW-2)
Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.					
2	East-1	BWSSB/EE(EAST)-1/PB/2109 /2023-24 Date: 09.10.2023	Rs. 26,64,871/- / Rs. 62,900/-	25.10.2023 upto 4.00 pm	27.10.2023 at 5.00 pm
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-1)
3	South East-1	BWSSB/EE(SE)-1/PB/1982 /2023-24 Date: 10.10.2023	Rs. 19,91,074/- / Rs. 58,740/-	26.10.2023 upto 5.00 pm	27.10.2023 after 5.30 pm
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (South East-1)
4	South East-2	BWSSB/EE(SE-2)/TO/PB/1791 /2023-24 Date: 09.10.2023	Rs. 67,92,123/- / Rs. 1,60,300/-	27.10.2023 upto 4.00 pm	04.11.2023 after 4.30 pm
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (South East-2)
Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.					
5	MIS	BWSSB/EMS/TE/MS1/AE/ 412/2023-24 Date: 10.10.2023	Rs. 23,40,000/- / Rs. 50,000/-	18.10.2023 upto 3.00 pm	19.10.2023 at 4.00 pm
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (MIS)
6	QA	BWSSB/EQATE/PB/710/ 2023-24 Date: 09.10.2023	Rs. 34,29,840/- / Rs. 69,000/-	19.10.2023 upto 5.30 pm	21.10.2023 at 12.00 noon
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA)
Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-WEST), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.					
7	(WWM-N) V.V	BWSSB/EE(WWM-N-V.V) /PB/542/2023-24 Date: 09.10.2023	Rs. 39,62 Lakhs / Rs. 94,000/-	26.10.2023 upto 5.30 pm	30.10.2023 at 4.00 pm
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-N) V.V
Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.					
8	South West-2	BWSSB/EESW-2/TO/PB/1813 /2023-24 Date: 07.10.2023	Rs. 38,01,465/- / Rs. 76,100/-	25.10.2023 upto 4.00 pm	27.10.2023 after 3.00 pm
9		BWSSB/EESW-2/TO/PB/1821 /2023-24 Date: 10.10.2023	Rs. 26,34,521/- / Rs. 52,700/-		
					Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West-2)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/1659/Zen/2023-24

LUCKNOW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
T.N. Road, Lalbagh, Lucknow - 226001 (U.P.)
Website : www.lmc.up.nic.in

Tender Notice No.: D/555/EE/23-24 Dated: 11.10.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (2nd Call)

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Sl. No.	Name of Work	Tender Fee Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Time Period Years
1	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-1 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
2	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-2 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 41,00,000/- (Rupees Forty-One Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
3	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-3 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 92,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety-Two Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
4	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-4 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
5	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, Installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-5 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Eight Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
6	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, Installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-6 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 98,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety-Eight Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
7	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-7 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Eight Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years
8	Door-to-Door Collection of Municipal Solid Waste, Collection storage & transfer of Domestic hazardous waste, Installation and operation of MRF & TS/MTS/FCTS, Manual Road Sweeping and Drain Cleaning in Zone-8 of Lucknow Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 89,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty-Nine Lacs Only)	10 Years Extendable to another 5 Years

Manual for paying processing Fee & EMD Payment Online -

- Bidder needs to go to https://induscollect.indusind.com/pay/index.php.
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- For NEFT/RTGS Challan mode - after generating the challan, bidder needs to initiate NEFT/RTGS through their bank as per the beneficiary details provided in the challan.
- Bidder can check the status of the payment.

Event of Calendar:

Sl. No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Online Tender purchase Start date	13.10.2023 by 5:00PM
2.	Online Tender purchase End date	20.10.2023 by 3:00PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End date	20.10.2023 by 5:00PM
4.	Hard copy of technical submission End date	21.10.2023 by 3:00PM
5.	Technical Proposal Open Date	21.10.2023 by 3:00PM

Note: The bidders shall have to submit their bids online and upload the relevant documents from as per key schedule (key dates).

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE
e-mail:- seec_bls@rediffmail.com
Government of Odisha **"e" Procurement Notice**
Bid Identification No. CCEEC-21/2023-24
No.:5967 / Dt.: 9/10/23

Nature of work	:- Bridge Work & Road Work
Number of works	:- 03 Nos Bridge Work & 1 No Road Work
Amount put to Tender	:- Rs.744.39 Lakh to 932.32 Lakh
Class of Contractor	:- "Special" Class, "A" Class
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal	:- Dt.16.10.2023 at 10.00 AM
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal	:- Dt.30.10.2023 up to 05.00 PM
Date of opening of bid	:- Dt.31.10.2023 at 11.00 AM
Name & address of the Office inviting bid	:- Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore.

The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http//tendersodisha.gov.in"**. All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Sd/- R.Rout, Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore
B-1059: OIPR-34026/11/0022/2324

By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia,Balasore
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE
"e" - Procurement Notice for Bridge Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge NCB No. 47 of 2023-24
Letter No: - 4593 / WE Date : 06/10/2023

1. Name of the Work : Bridge Works.
2. Total No. of Work : As per annexure
3. Estimated Cost : As per annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore.	NCB No.- 47 of 2023-24	12.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	26.10.2023 Up to 5.00 P.M.	25.10.2023 Up to 5.00 P.M.	27.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- Er.N.V.Harihar Rao, **Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.**
O-1257: OIPR-25105/11/0056/2324

LUCKNOW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
T.N. Road, Lalbagh, Lucknow - 226001 (U.P.)
Website : www.lmc.up.nic.in

Tender Notice No.: D/557/EE/23-24 Dated: 11.10.2023

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1.	Request for Proposal for Selection of Concessionaire for Transportation & Processing of Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste and Disposal of Residual Waste to SLF in Lucknow Municipal Corporation on PPP Mode	Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)	Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Only)	15 Years

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

Cauvery committee retains water release recommendation of 3,000 cusecs to Tamil Nadu

Present water levels at reservoirs, monsoon forecast, and requirement of States considered

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Water flowing out of the KRS built across Cauvery river in Mandya district. FILE PHOTO

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) has directed Karnataka to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu at 3,000 cusecs daily from October 15 to 31, retaining the flow rate mandated from October 1 to 15.

At a meeting on Wednesday, the committee considered factors such as the existing water levels at the reservoirs, the forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) as well as the constraints and requirements of the States, CWRC Chairman Vineet Kumar Gupta told *The Hindu*. "This is what we have directed. The next meeting will be on October 30."

A flow of 3,000 cusecs (cubic feet per second) works out to a volume of about 5 tmc ft (thousand million cubic feet).

There were no directions given to Karnataka to make up for the 12 tmc ft shortfall to Tamil Nadu, calculated by the CWRC, on September 25. "The north-east monsoon (expected to set in by October 20) is expected to benefit Tamil Nadu and the forecasts so far say that it will be 'normal'. However the deficit that occurred in August (36% shortfall and the lowest in a century) will be very difficult to make up," he added.

As on September 30 (at the end of southwest monsoon), Tamil Nadu realised around 45.2 tmc ft, of which September accounted for 13.6 tmc ft.

As of October 5, storage in reservoirs in Karnataka is 30% less than normal whereas the deficit is 62% in those in Tamil Nadu.

Reservoir levels

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As against the gross capacity of 114.57 tmcft in the four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin, the gross storage on Wednesday stood at 66.12 tmcft, which is about 58% of the capacity. On the same day last year, the four reservoirs together had 110.16 tmcft.

The KRS reservoir, biggest of the four, had a gross storage of 23.32 tmcft against the gross capacity of 49.45 tmcft, which is about 47%. Since June 1, the total inflow into the reservoirs has been 130.49 tmcft against the outflow of 95.28 tmcft. The four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin received a cumulative inflow of 10,227 cusecs or about 0.9 tmcft on Wednesday.

State govt. protecting farmers' interests, says DKS; Opposition begs to differ

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on Wednesday recommended further release of 3,000 cusecs daily for 15 days from October 15, the Opposition BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) blamed it as a "failure" on part of the State government while Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who holds the Water Resources portfolio, reiterated that farmers' interests will be protected.

'Illegal consumption'

"The order is against the interests of Karnataka. They (CWRC) are not able to consider the illegal water consumption of Tamil Nadu and real water requirements of Karnataka, especially for drinking water needs in March/April, 2024. Karnataka government has been unable to point out this in CWRC and CWMA, and even the Supreme Court," former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters here. He said: "The Chief Minister had promised to go on an IA against the earlier order of CWMA, but they have not."

Another former Chief Minister and JD (S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy called the order a "big shock" and said that the State's interests in Cauvery was not being protected by this government.

"People have to organised themselves to seek their rights... This order is against the spirit of federalism," he said.

'Will approach court on Mekedatu'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that Karnataka is preparing to approach the court to seek nod for Mekedatu drinking water project, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday told presspersons at Mysuru that Mekedatu will be the State's priority. "The court has also opined that if Karnataka builds the reservoir, there should be no objection (from Tamil Nadu). That is why Mekedatu is our priority. Preparation is underway to provide alternative land to farmers who are set to lose their land to the project."

'Rainfall balancing outflow'

However, Mr. Shivakumar said, "We have done our work to safeguard the interests of the farmers. Over the last two to three days, our reservoirs are receiving 8,000 cusecs to 10,000 cusecs of water daily. Even though we released lesser quantum of water from the reservoir, the rainfall around Bengaluru has balanced the total outflow to Tamil Nadu. Whatever order comes, we will protect farmers interests."

From Page One

State forms panel to frame education policy

The panel also includes S. Japhet, former Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru City University; Jogan Shankar, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University; Rajendra Chenni, retired Professor of English at Kuvempu University; Nataraj Budalu, retired professor and writer; Sudhanshu Bhushan, Professor and Head of the Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA; Furquan Qamar, Professor of Management at the Centre for Management Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia; Pranati Panda, Professor and Head of the Department of School and Non-formal Education in NIEPA; Sharat Ananthamruthy, Professor, School of Physics, University Hyderabad; A. Narayana, Professor with the school of policy and governance, Azim Premji University; V.P. Niranjanaradhya, educationist; M.S. Talawar, retired professor of Bangalore University; Santhosh Naik R., Professor, Department of Sociology, Karnataka State Open University; and Vinaya Okkunda, Associate Professor and writer, Government First Grade College, Dandeli.

Among the advisers are Yogendra Yadav, Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi; Rahamath Tarikere, retired professor at Hampi Kannada University; Janaki Nair, historian; Valerian Rodrigous, professor, Centre for Political Studies, JNU; and Sabiha Bhoomigowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University.

Speaking to *The Hindu,* M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher and Technical Education, said: "The commission will submit the interim report at first and the final report by February end. KSEP will be implemented by 2024-25."

Munirathna goes into high drama mode to seek funds for his constituency

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP MLA for Rajarajeshwarinagar Munirathna with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After a silent protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday, former Minister and BJP MLA for Rajarajeshwarinagar Munirathna met Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at an event, touched his feet, and sought funds for his constituency.

Mr. Munirathna has alleged that the Congress government has diverted funds allocated to his constituency during the previous BJP government.

Animosity alleged

At Vidhana Soudha, Mr. Munirathna alleged that as an MLA he was not able to undertake any development work in his R.R. Nagar constituency due to lack of funds. "I don't know why the MP D.K. Suresh [Mr. Shivakumar's brother] has animosity towards me. I seek their cooperation to carry out development works," Mr. Munirathna said. He alleged that funds to the tune of ₹126 crore had been diverted and distributed to other Assembly seats in Bengaluru.

The MLA said the previous BJP government had released ₹26 crore to dredge Hosakerehalli lake in R.R. Nagar Assembly constituency. Mr. Munirathna was accompanied in the protest by MLC Chalavadi Narayanswamy among others. BJP veteran and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa extended moral support.

After the protest, Mr. Munirathna left for Palace Grounds where Mr. Shivakumar was addressing a gathering. Firm on submitting the petition directly to the Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Munirathna met Mr. Shivakumar and touched his feet and handed over the petition seeking release of funds.

In his speech, Mr. Shivakumar sarcastically said, seemingly amused by the goings on, "Those involved in producing films do this kind of drama." BJP MLA C.N. Ashwath Narayana and MP D.V. Sadananda Gowda were present on stage at this point. Later, Mr. Munirathna also went to Mr. Shivakumar's residence at Sadashivanagar in the city and held a one-on-one meeting.

Govt. keen to push EV adoption in State: Reddy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Electric vehicles should be made affordable to achieve the goal of a green and clear environment and the government was willing to offer all required support to boost EV adoption in the State, said Ramalinga Reddy, Minister for Transport, here on Wednesday.

The Minister said that lower EV prices would not only attract more buyers but also significantly contribute to reducing traffic congestion, pollution levels, and achieving the nation's target of zero carbon emissions.

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
1	CE/MM	M53, M54, M55	3
2	CE/IT & RAPDRP	IT&RAPDRP 25, IT&RAPDRP 26, IT&RAPDRP 27, IT&RAPDRP 28	4

For details of Works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**
DIPR/5548/Tender/2023

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH
COMPANY PETITION (CAA) No. 36/BB/2023
C/W
COMPANY APPLICATION (CAA) NO. 21/BB/2022
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION
BETWEEN
BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
("Petitioner/Transferee Company")
AND
GROWW INC
("Non-Petitioner/Transferor Company")
AND
THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
BETWEEN:
1.BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
A Company incorporated under Companies Act, 2013
having its registered office at Vaishnavi Tech Park, South Tower, 3rd Floor, Survey No.16/1 and17/2, Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli Bengaluru - 560 103.
...PETITIONER / TRANSFEREE COMPANY

2.GROWW INC
A Company incorporated under General Corporation Law of State of Delaware having its registered office at 1013 Centre Road, Suite 403-B City of Wilmington County of New Castle Delaware 19805-1270
...NON-PETITIONER / TRANSFEROR COMPANY

NOTICE OF PETITION
A Petition under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, for sanction of the Scheme of Amalgamation between Billionbrains Garage Ventures Pvt Ltd and Groww, Inc and their respective shareholders and creditors was presented by the Petitioner on 27-9-2023 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on 22-11-2023.
Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocate at the address given herein below, notice of his intention, signed by him or his Advocate with his name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.
Date: 12-10-2023
Place: Bengaluru
Advocate for the Petitioner
UDAY SHANKAR ASSOCIATES
Advocates & Legal Counsels
Fortune Chambers, 1st Floor,No. 8
Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle
Bengaluru - 560 027
Ph: +080 4141 0007/0006

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR
[ICAR, NAAC accredited and UGC u/s 12(B) & 2(f) approved]
Stores Purchase Officer, UAS, Raichur - 584104,
E-mail: spo@uasraichur.edu.in Ph: 08532-220165
E-Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-01/2023-24, Dt: 10-10-2023.
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur is inviting e-tender for Purchase of Scientific Equipment, software & other materials, at UAS, Raichur. The interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. The website address is www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Indent Number:-UASRCR/2023-24/IND0002, 0003 & 0004. The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 26-10-2023.
Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer
DIP/RCR/176/KSMC&A/Job No.173/2023-24 **UAS, Raichur.**

Hundreds of people attempt to lay siege to CUK campus

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Hundreds of people, mostly Dalits from different parts of Kalaburagi and surrounding districts, took out a 5-km padayatra from Kadaganchi village to Central University of Karnataka (CUK) in Aland taluk of Kalaburagi district on Wednesday, condemning the alleged saffronisation of the university campus.

Organised under the banner of 'Komuvada Alisi - Karnataka Central University Ulisi', an umbrella organisation with different Dalit, progressive, democratic and left outfits and individuals, the protesters garlanded Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue in Kadaganchi village and began their march.

Throughout the 5-km protest march, the protesters raised slogans against

They were condemning the alleged saffronisation of the varsity campus

"communalising" the CUK campus. They levelled allegations against Vice-Chancellor Battu Satyanarayana, Registrar R.R. Biradar, former Registrar and English professor Basavaraj Donur and faculty member Rohinaksha Shirlalu.

As the procession reached the CUK campus, police prevented the protesters from entering. They later staged a demonstration on the inter-State highway connecting Kalaburagi with Aland in Karnataka and Omerga in Maharashtra. The traffic movement came to a standstill on the inter-State highway for over four hours.

Addressing the protesters, D.G. Sagar, a Dalit leader and the president of the umbrella group, alleged that organisations like RSS were gaining grounds in CUK after Mr. Satyanarayana assumed office. "The people of Kalyana Karnataka had fought for years demanding the establishment of a Central University in the region hoping that it would help eradicate educational backwardness of the region. But the Vice-Chancellor is doing everything to defeat the very purpose of the establishment of the university. He is running RSS and ABVP branches in the university instead of focusing on academics. He is encouraging superstitions and regressive Hindutva ideology instead of imparting scientific education. He is implicating Dalit, left and progressive students who question him," Mr. Sagar alleged.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Ram D Zodge (84) , Retired Senior Racing Correspondent (Sports) , The Hindu, Mumbai passed away on 10-10-2023. Address: Mahavir Prasad A-2, Ground Flr, Subash Nagar, Delisle Road, Chinchpokli, Mumbai- 400011. Contact: 9987776229

Com. V. Radhakrishnan
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Office of the Joint Director (Animal Husbandry) N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No: BBMP/2023-24/IND0009/CALL-2 **Date: 11/10/2023**
Re - Tender Notification
BBMP invites tender from eligible bidders for the supply of MS fabricated Dog cage cabin and MS fabricated OT cabin for CD dog operation.
Following are the Events of Tender process :

1.	Tender Reference No.	BBMP/2023-24/IND0009/CALL-2
2.	Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from Karnataka public Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in	On 11/10/2023 onwards
3.	Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting	16/10/2023 at 11:00 AM at the following venue: OFFICE OF JOINT DIRECTOR, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, HEAD OFFICE, BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE, BENGALURU.
4.	Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	16/10/2023 up to 5:00 PM
5.	Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in Karnataka Public Procurement portal	26/10/2023 up to 5:00 PM
6.	Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids in Karnataka Public Procurement portal	27/10/2023 5:30 PM
7.	Address for Communication	OFFICE OF JOINT DIRECTOR, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, HEAD OFFICE, BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE, BENGALURU

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the website **http://kppp.kamataka.gov.in**
2) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
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Smart City Roads: Standards diluted, footpaths remain pedestrian

Smart City roads, meant to be a gamechanger in sustainable mobility and marked by pedestrian-first approach, are now seriously compromised with private property and parking encroachments

Rasheed Kappan
BENGALURU

Wide, uninterrupted footpaths often beckon walkers in big numbers. But one look at the just upgraded Indiranagar 80 Feet Road and its narrow, discontinuous walking space, and the compromises come out starkly. Along several stretches of this flashy, concretised road, commercial properties have taken over the footpath with sedans and SUVs parked across. Nowhere to go, pedestrians are forced to walk on the road jeopardising their lives.

The poor quality of the road surface has been questioned in many other parts of the city.

Cars parked across the footpath of 80 -ft Road developed under the Smart City project. RASHEED KAPPAN

Costly upgrade

Is this what the citizen gets after such a costly upgrade? They had high expectations since the Smart City upgrades were modelled after the TenderSURE makeover of St. Mark's Road, Cunningham Road, Residency Road, and other streets in the city's heart. Besides walkable footpaths, TenderSURE roads stood out for uniform travel lanes, organised underground utilities contained within the footpath, organised parking and vending, public spaces and landscaping.

The pronounced dilution of the original guidelines had forced a team of architects to step in, as the Indiranagar 100 Ft Road was taken up for a Smart City upgrade. Recalls Sneha Nandihal from the residents collective, IChangeIndiranagar: "A group of our architects had worked with the BBMP on an entire design. A lot of effort was put into it, and we were assured both by the MLA and the Palike that our suggestions would be implemented."

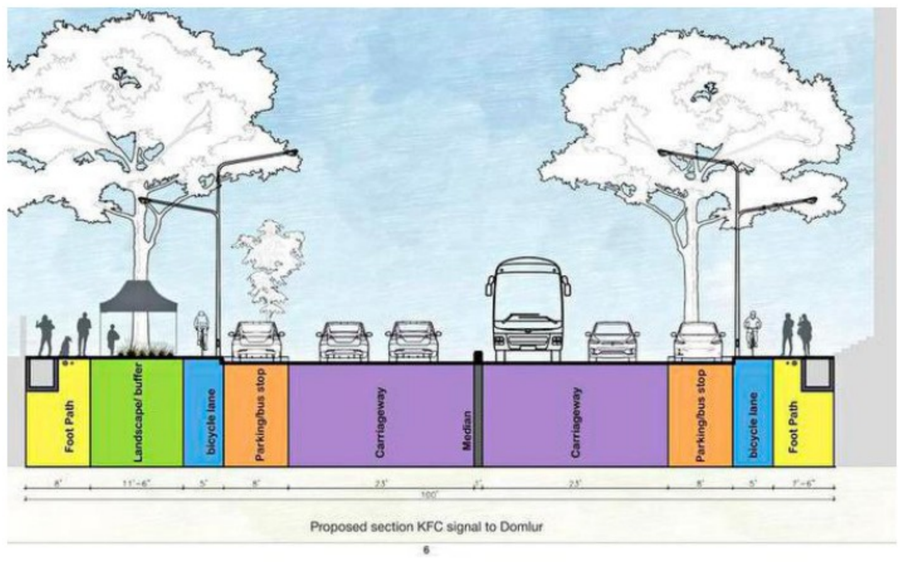
Much to their disappointment, none of the proposed changes were integrated into the final plan.

"The so-called smart city roads are not smart at all. They have a template, and they don't map it to the particular road. For instance, on 100ft road, they didn't survey and map it. Instead, since they don't know the utilities underneath, they are implementing things as they dig. It is a mess," she says.

Unpaid contracts

Among the proposals were street furniture, benches, bollards, signage, garbage bins, parking spaces between trees, and a cycling lane. "They said it would cost more to create such lanes. So we said, at least have darker tiles to indicate it is for cycling. Nothing was implemented. Finally, it became a project for us to request them to complete it in whatever form and shape, because so many of our residents were falling," notes Sneha. Unpaid contracts and transfers of the officials heading the project have only aggravated the delays.

The poor quality of the road surface has been questioned in many other parts of the city as well. For instance, within a year of the upgrade, Miller Road had to be asphalted again. Original designs were compromised to provide parking slots on the footpath. A raised pedestrian crossing was demolished for the project but not restored.



Indiranagar 100-ft Road Cross-Section Design proposed by architects.

Fixing underground

Tender SURE had initiated a whole new way of thinking about streets. While providing an equitable division of the right of way at the surface, it had also looked at fixing the subterranean chaos. The underground utilities were a mess. By building dedicated utility ducts and neatly installing them under the footpath, the Tender SURE roads had put an end to the vicious cycle of cut repair and cut again.

But this unique model has seen deviations. Completed a few months ago, the CMH Road has power lines right in the middle under three feet of concrete, as Sneha points out. "We had been following up with the BBMP to get new lines to be laid under the new footpath. It was all approved, but the funds did not get released because the government changed. Now if something goes wrong, if the line goes faulty, we are all going to be in darkness because the lines are under three feet of concrete."

Since utility shifting and re-laying of pipelines and cables are a critical part of the upgrade, active coordination of multiple agencies is crucial. She feels, "A project of this kind should have had all agencies working as partners. You can't have just the BBMP running it. The left hand doesn't know what the right is doing."

Lack of detailing

The original set of six Tender SURE roads had the pedestrian at the heart of the planning process. Even bus stops had to be built without affecting the 1.8m wide footpath. "Smart city roads give the impression of work being done without detailing. On St. Mark's Road, every little detail was known.

"The property owner knew exactly how the entry and exit were going to work. Without such detailing, you get a shoddy output."

"Varying pavement heights, entry, exit. So it is not even a uniform walking experience," says urbanist V. Ravichander, who was part of the earlier road planning process.

Both Tender SURE and Smart City roads were designed to give an alternative vision for pedestrians, who are often compelled to navigate wide and busy roads with insufficient crosswalks. The new models were escape routes particularly for senior citizens and children. Pedestrians account for the bulk of accident fatalities in the city.

Safety and convenience

Nikita Luke from the World Resources Institute (WRI) says a people-centric approach to street design prioritizes the safety and convenience of pedestrians and cyclists, making it simpler and more appealing for people to walk or bike. "Achieving this involves creating well-lit sidewalks, secure crosswalks, and dedicated cycling lanes, which encourage active transportation and reduce the reliance on cars," she elaborates.

Cars being parked on footpaths is a rule of law issue, says Ravichander. "The footpath in front of a property does not belong to the owner. They don't have a right on the road in front either. All violations have to be removed. In BDA layouts of Jayanagar, R. T Nagar, Koramangala, where the plots are clearly defined and geometrically drawn with a marked plan, it is immediately doable."

Work quality diluted

Design guidelines set by TenderSURE roads have been compromised and work quality diluted for another big reason: Corruption. Preferring anonymity, a planning consultant recalls that the original project was ring-fenced against corruption by an empowered committee that cleared the project tenders, payments and other key processes. But the Smart City project went under the 'business as usual' mode with kickbacks, typical of city contracting.

Maintenance is another key aspect. Ten years later, poor upkeep has left many of the old TenderSURE roads badly in need of repair.

"If you walk on St Mark's Road today, at least 20% of the tiles are depressed. Every time a tile is depressed, you are supposed to lift it, open it, compact the ground and put it back. Unless you do regular maintenance and clean up, it will deteriorate," says the consultant.

The tell-tale signs of poor maintenance are everywhere. Waste bins have vanished from many road stretches. Vendor encroachment continues unabated, leaving little space for walkers.

Struggling to find his way through the Smart City footpath on the redeveloped 80ft road, 61-year-old sales person from New Thippasandra, Surendra articulates the lament of several older senior citizens: "I myself find it so tough to walk here. Imagine the plight of the elderly. I see them often walk on the road edges as the pavements are either encroached, dumped with garbage or broken."

Colours, cultures, and traditions come together at Christ university's sustainability event 'Jharokha'

The event encompassed workshops, competitions, and exhibitions of arts, which exposed the participants to a range of cultural perspectives

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Small sustainable businesses from Bengaluru got an opportunity to showcase and sell their products at the Hazaar Bazaar fair that was held at the Christ (deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, as part of "Jharokha - A Window to a Sustainable World" event, organised by Liberati, the student association of the Department of Liberal Arts.

With sustainability at its core, the event encompassed a series of workshops, competitions, and exhibitions of arts, which exposed the participants to a range of cultural perspectives and developed an appreciation for Indian heritage.

Tengin (manufacturing coconut-based products), Masmara (handcrafting banana fibre products), and Bas Ek Pal - A Moment of Happiness (creating Batik and Rajasthani handicrafts) were among those who set up stalls, at the event held from October 4 to 7.

Visitors checking out different products at the artisans' mela, Hazaar Bazaar, at Christ university.

Local artisans

These businesses employ local artisans to boost their income and increase their living standards. Some of them also work towards uplifting the farming community and optimising the purchase of locally sourced and produced products, according to a release from the university.

Ms. Sasmita brought along handloom products that were made by local artisans, and Ms. Mukta Jaiswal brought to the table resin arts and crafts. Sambhav Foundation set up two stalls, one for the sale of handmade jute products and the other where their trained beauticians offered their services.

Pallavi Singhi from Bas Ek Pal, selling Batik and Rajasthani handcrafted products, said, "Hazaar Bazaar was an excellent and a new opportunity to interact with the college crowd that helped promote the artisans to a younger generation."

Sriram, a resource person, teaching students the art of carving blocks for block printing of textiles.

"All stalls were successful, with the mela engaging over 1,000 visitors and were able to earn an average of ₹7,000 to ₹9,000," said the press release.

Dr. Prerana Srimaal, the Head of the Department of Liberal Arts, said, "To move towards a sustainable world, we must empower ourselves, mobilise our youth, and build capacities that enable us to transform our living systems."

Student workshops

Dr. Embassy Lawbei, coordinator of Liberati, said, "The motivation behind this event is to provide an opportunity to our students to witness that 'sustainability' is not just a popular concept, but an actionable idea."

Jharokha also had three workshops for students. At Thread it, students got to learn the art of Zardozi and Aari embroidery from the experts at Nichi Embroidery, an institute that employs and trains women for their livelihood. The students got hands-on experience in the art of embroidery to create their own unique pieces.

At the Block by Block workshop, conducted by Mr. Sriram, taught the students the art of carving blocks for block printing of textiles. With 40 years of experience, his two-hour session focused on designing and carving blocks.

Re-Culture, was a recycling crafts workshop' conducted by Vishwanath Mallabadi, wherein he introduced the students to the art of sustainable upcycling by creating jewellery and murals from e-waste.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 12, 1973

Plan for Better Service by Auto-Rickshaws

Bangalore, Oct. 11: 'Help yourself' is quite often the reply received by commuters who wish to hire an auto-rickshaw during peak hours. The blunt refusal could however be won over if the passenger was prepared to pay 'something' over and above the meter fare.

The travelling public have a pile of complaints against the auto-rickshaw drivers, while the drivers have their own grievances.

The Traffic Week conducted by the Bangalore City Police last month, had taken up as one of its main aims, measures to improve the relations between the drivers of autorickshaws and the travelling public. The Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic, Mr. K.U. Shetty, said.

Is Sex Education Needed?

Bangalore, Oct. 11: Is sex education at the University level necessary?

The Health Minister, Mr. H. Siddaveerappa, and the Education Minister, Mr. A.R. Badrinarayana, expressed opposite views., while answering a question by Mr. M.V. Venkatappa (Cong) in the Legislative Council to-day. Mr. Badrinarayana said the Government was not contemplating the introduction of sex education in colleges. "Sex proceeds on the basis of instances and impulses. It does not need any education."

Mr. Siddaveerappa said that in other countries sex education at the university level was considered desirable. He personally felt that some sort of objective education could be given to college students.

A whole new uprising

Bengaluru-origin metal group Moral Collapse will make their live debut alongside Italian death metal band Fleshgod Apocalypse this week

Anurag Tagat

The big draw at the second edition of metal concert series The Uprising is no doubt the grandiose death metal band Fleshgod Apocalypse from Italy, but closer home, another reason metalheads will be at the gig is to catch the long-anticipated live debut of Bengaluru project Moral Collapse.

Moral Collapse had its genesis in 2020, when bassist, vocalist and guitarist-composer Arun Natarajan teamed up with guitarist Sudarshan Mankad and German drummer extraordinaire Hannes. Their self-titled debut album and their second record Divine Prosthetics have showcased avant-garde, noisy soundscapes alongside punishing death metal, a space that not many Indian bands can claim to inhabit.

After three years of existing pretty much virtually, Moral Collapse will go live now, albeit with different members joining Natarajan on stage. There's drummer Vishnu Reddy, vocalist Avinash A (formerly of local metallers Necrophilia) and guitarist Moiz Mustafa (from death metal band Godless) joining Natarajan, who will handle bass duties.

Off to a great start Arun Natarajan (above) and his band Moral Collapse (top) make their debut this weekend, supported by Fleshgod Apocalypse (centre). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Performing at White Lotus Superclub in HSR Layout on October 15, Natarajan says a live band would not have materialized had it not been for the call to perform from The Uprising organizers – the Indian Artists Collective founders Chintan Chinnappa and Hitesh Mittal. But within the band, he credits the likes of Moiz to have made things move in a fast way for their live stage act to become a well-oiled unit in the span of a couple of weeks.

The bassist is all praise for Reddy behind the kit as well, as he's taking on the task of performing Grossmann's dexterous parts. Natarajan says of his band member, "Vishnu is a very accomplished drummer and an incredibly busy one too, handling more than three bands now. His Berklee (College of Music) finesse and rigour is unmatched in the jam; he goes at it for at least four hours in a day so you can imagine how much this person is in touch with his instruments."

Natarajan has a lighthearted take when asked about the Moral Collapse setlist at The Uprising. "You can expect a couple of songs from the first album and a couple of songs from the new album and probably a special cover to stop the crowd snoozing. That's going to be our 25 minutes to fame," he says with a laugh.

Although he's the major contributor to Moral Collapse's songs in the studio, Natarajan prefers to stick to playing bass on stage. "I prefer to be in the shadows when the actual chaos unfolds," he says.

After opening for Fleshgod Apocalypse, Moral Collapse will be on the same lineup as Canadian metal veterans Cryptopsy in November, at a Bangalore Open Air Warm-Up party. Natarajan says it's "quite unreal" to start Moral Collapse's live chapter alongside top international talent.

He recalls how, with his previous projects, the first show has always been an underwhelming band competition where often nothing goes right and leaves a bad aftertaste. "Here, we feel rewarded for our efforts right from the beginning," he says.

Moral Collapse, Fleshgod Apocalypse and Septic Isle will perform on October 15, at WL Superclub, HSR Layout. Tickets on Skillboxes.com

CITYBEATS

Sing to be heard

OCTOBER 15, 6.30PM
The Red Bull Off The Roof event with Sunidhi Chauhan is back in the city this weekend. Red Bull Off The Roof began in 2013 as a platform for aspiring artists to be heard. Unlike other venues, the stage is the top of a tour bus on which bands and musicians perform to audiences below.
At KV Ground, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. Entry free.

Tales told to music

OCTOBER 14, 4PM AND 7PM
Nrityakosh will be presenting a belly dance performance this weekend. Titled *Arabian Nights*, the presentation is a retelling of the legendary Thousand and One Nights, with a unique focus on the powerful women within these cherished tales.
At JSS Auditorium in Jayanagar. Tickets on BookMyShow

Showcasing human nature

OCTOBER 14, 4.30PM
Max Mueller Bhavan will screen the movie, *Pandora's Box (Die Büchse der Pandora)* this weekend. Directed by GW Pabst, the screening is a part of the Bhavan's German Cinema in Focus and is curated by Shivani.
At Max Mueller Bhavan. Open to all.

Kabir's timeless voice

Five centuries after his passing, the enigmatic poet Kabir continues to resonate with contemporary audiences, his words transcending time to address complex emotional and cultural matters with profound clarity. Who was Kabir? Where and how did he live? What shaped his unique perspective? Was he a solitary poet or is Kabir a living legend that endures to this day? Vipul Rikhi, a talented writer, singer, poet, and storyteller, invites audiences on an exploration into the heart of this remarkable phenomenon, using storytelling, commentary, poetry and song.

This introspective journey unfolds through songs sung in Hindi dialects with a narration delivered in English, providing a comprehensive view of Kabir's life, works, and the enduring beauty of his music.

The event is curated as part of a collaboration with Books & Brews, India, a woman-led creative and literary agency known for its holistic approach to all things related to books, words, and various forms of art and culture, both old and new.

Vipul, the maestro behind this performance, has dedicated over a decade to immersing himself in the oral traditions of Kabir and other Bhakti and Sufi poets. He is an accomplished author with several books of poetry, fiction, and translations to his name, including the acclaimed *Drunk on Love*, which delves into Kabir's life and philosophy.

Forever and a day Artiste Vipul Rikhi decodes Kabir for modern day audiences. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

His deep connection to mystic poetry, nurtured during his work with the Kabir Project, has culminated in remarkable performances of folk music traditions that captivate audiences nationally and internationally.

Songs sung in Hindi with a narration in English, will give a comprehensive view of Kabir's works

The event will take place at the Mazumdar Shaw Auditorium on the first floor of MAP Bengaluru, serving as an integral part of MAP's public programming theme for the quarter, 'Living Cultures.' This theme seeks to explore the evolution of cultures, how they shape identity, represent beliefs, and adapt to changing contexts.

The event, targeted at an audience aged 18 and above, promises to be a captivating experience that transcends time and connects us with the ever-relevant wisdom of Kabir. Though registration for this event is required, it is open to the public free of charge.

For more information, visit map-india.org

Creative collaboration Judith Bidapa and Maya Mascarenhas (below), members of the Bangalore Chorus. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

By the children, for the children

Shilpa Anandraj

The Bangalore Chorus, the brainchild of 61-year old pediatrician Maya Mascarenhas, will perform BIG BANG 23 this weekend. The funds raised through the group's annual concert, directed by Maya in collaboration with Judith Roby Bidapa, will go towards the benefit of Jeevarathni Foundation.

Maya, who started collaborating with Judith in 2014, says, "We started off with just 50 children and today, we have grown to over 150.

The aim of Bangalore Chorus is to focus on two things – to provide gifted young individuals with a platform to showcase their talents and to promote our motto: 'Children for Children', where children perform for fundraisers. Proceeds are used for the benefit of the less fortunate or disadvantaged children."

Maya reveals that this year's chorus will feature songs from popular musicals.

"Unlike other choirs where the artists just sing, we have children sing, dance and also act on stage. Hence, we call ourselves a show choir. The children will be wearing costumes too, and it becomes a musical theatre."

Maya, who now works as a consultant, says that her passion is music and medicine.

"Music is a weekend hobby in Cooke Town, for practice. All these years we had smaller shows, but this year it has grown. We have a group of young adults who are incredibly talented and they will perform across genres – from opera to rock music. It's tiring, yet rewarding at the same time. We not only teach music, but also team work, social skills and older children are taught to mentor younger ones. We also have children with ADHD and autism. So I see us as a huge family that works and grows together," says Maya, who worked with St Johns earlier and later in rural areas as a health consultant.

She adds that the event will feature classic numbers from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Addams Family*, *My Fair Lady*, *Oliver*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Kinky Boots* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.

On 14 October (7pm) and 15 (4pm and 7pm) at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. Tickets on PayTM Insider

Priest, his sister booked for humiliating minor Dalit girl

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Ijoor police are on the lookout for a priest and his sister for allegedly humiliating and abusing a 13-year-old girl from the Schedule Caste with a racist slur when she went to fetch water from a public tap near a temple. The accused had allegedly assaulted the uncle of the girl and his friend when they confronted the priest.

On October 9, the girl, Bhavana, went to get a pot of drinking water from a public tap situated on the premises of Maramma temple in Channamanahalli village of Ramanagara district in Karnataka.

The accused, Kumar Kenchappa, and his sister Yashodha, allegedly objected to the girl entering the temple premises and claimed that she had desecrated the place.

The girl went home crying and narrated the incident to her family, which prompted her uncle Prasanna Kumar to go to the temple and question the accused. Prasanna Kumar was accompanied by his friend Jayakumar. When confronted, the priest allegedly repeated the racist slur and warned them to stay away from the temple, and also allegedly assaulted them.

Passers-by took Prasanna Kumar and Jayakumar to a hospital before alerting the police. The police could not find the priest and his sister. A case has been registered against the priest and his sister.

Karnataka Cabinet gives in-principle nod to declare eco-sensitive zones in six forest areas

Areas are Kappattagudda, Bukkapatna, Kammasandra, Nagarahole, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Cabinet sub-committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has given in-principle approval for declaring eco-sensitive zones in six forest areas.

The six forest areas are: Kappattagudda, Bukkapatna, Kammasandra, Nagarahole, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, and Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary.

In the meeting, in-principle approval was given to declare ecologically sensitive areas in the six forest areas and submit it to the Cabinet meeting for recommending the same to the Union government.

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At Nagarahole

At the Rajiv Gandhi National Park (Nagarhole Tiger Reserve) it has been proposed that the eco-sensitive area is 573.97 out of which 302.36 is forest area and 271.61 is non-forest area.

Similarly, in the Anshi National Park and Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary, it has been proposed that the eco-sensitive area is 669.06 sq. km of which 448.81 sq. km is forest area and 220.25 non-forest area.

At the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, 145.369 sq. km has been proposed as ecologically sensitive area and out of this 143,663 is forest area and 1,706 sq. km non-forest area.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, coastal & south interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.6	24.8	Kozhikode	8	33.2	25.8
Ahmedabad	—	35.3	23.4	Kurnool	—	37.6	26.2
Aizawl	—	31.6	19.1	Lucknow	—	36.3	23.3
Allahabad	—	35.5	22.5	Madurai	—	36.0	25.1
Bengaluru	1	28.6	21.3	Mangaluru	—	30.5	23.9
Bhopal	—	35.9	20.0	Mumbai	—	33.6	26.1
Bhubaneswar	—	35.0	25.1	Mysuru	—	31.0	23.0
Chandigarh	—	32.4	20.4	New Delhi	—	35.0	19.4
Chennai	—	34.4	26.8	Patna	0.4	35.2	25.2
Coimbatore	5	32.0	24.2	Port Blair	11	31.0	25.0
Dehradun	—	32.6	17.4	Puducherry	—	35.4	27.4
Gangtok	0.5	20.7	15.9	Pune	—	34.7	19.5
Goa	—	32.0	24.8	Raipur	—	35.2	24.7
Guwahati	—	33.8	25.0	Ranchi	—	31.6	22.0
Hubballi	—	33.0	22.3	Shillong	—	24.0	15.9
Hyderabad	—	33.2	22.3	Shimla	—	26.0	13.5
Imphal	—	30.5	20.3	Srinagar	—	24.5	7.3
Jaipur	—	35.7	24.2	Thiruvananthapuram	5	31.8	25.2
Kochi	—	30.4	26.2	Tiruchi	10	35.8	26.0
Kohima	—	22.2	15.0	Vijayawada	3	33.1	24.4
Kolkata	—	35.9	28.0	Visakhapatnam	—	34.5	27.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	86	.45	130	128	
Bengaluru	5	35	.43	128	114	
Chennai	5	20	.22	88	70	
Delhi	20	43	.34	215	226	
Hyderabad	13	7	.41	183	140	
Kolkata	26	60	.18	137	152	
Lucknow	6	44	.69	161	114	
Mumbai	5	18	.38	180	102	
Pune	133	225	113	103	82	
Visakhapatnam	9	53	.30	207	166	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Agartala, Tripura recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 233 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Dasara invitation extended to CM, Governor, and Hamsalekha

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Mysuru district administration on Wednesday extended a formal invitation to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, and music director Hamsalekha for the Dasara festival, scheduled to be held from October 15 to 24.

Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa extended the formal invitation to the dignitaries on behalf of the Mysuru district administration. A delegation from Mysuru including Mayor Shivakumar and DC of Mysuru K.V. Rajendra, was present when the invitation was extended to Mr. Siddaramaiah at his residence in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The delegation visited Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru invited Mr. Gehlot for the Dasara festival. Mr. Hamsalekha, who has been chosen to inaugurate the Dasara festival atop Chamundi Hills on October 15, was also extended a formal invitation by the Mysuru district administration.

Mysuru district administration officials with Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

JD(S) Kerala panel to rally other State units against Deve Gowda

The Hindu Bureau
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A meeting of the executive committee of the Janata Dal (S) held in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday formed a four-member committee to hold discussions with the leadership of other State units on the way forward against the decision by the party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda to join hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The four-member panel comprises C.K. Nanu, A. Neelalohithadasan Nadar, Jose Thettayil, and P.M. Safarulla.

They will hold discussions with the leaders of other State units who had rejected the decision by Mr. Gowda and his son H.D. Kumaraswamy to forge an alliance with the BJP ahead of the Parliament election in 2024.

A senior party leader termed Mr. Gowda's shift towards the BJP against the spirit of the party's earlier resolve to remain as an anti-BJP and non-Congress force in national politics.

The State units which had opposed Mr. Gowda's decision had made it clear that he had violated the declared stance, he said.

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No.KSHDCL/MKTG/884/2023-24 Date:11.10.2023

NOTIFICATION

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(1) "Cauvery", Karnataka State Arts & Crafts Emporium, No.49, M.G. Road, Bengaluru -560 001. **(2)** "Cauvery", Karnataka State Arts & Crafts Emporium, No.52A, 7th "B" Main Road, Raj Complex, oppo. Floating walls, Near Vinayaka Temple, Jayanagar 4th Block, Benglauru-560011. **(3)** "Cauvery", Karnataka State Arts & Crafts Emporium, Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru-570 001. **(4)** "Cauvery", Karnataka State Arts & Crafts Emporium, No.5, Mysore Palace, Mysuru-575 001. **(5)** "Cauvery", Karnataka State Arts & Crafts Emporium, No.208 A/B, 208/B 3rd Floor, Road No.01. City Central Mall Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034. **(6)** "Cauvery", Karnataka State Arts & Crafts Emporium, No-4, State Emporia Complex, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi-110 001. The interested parties who wish to participate in the above said exhibition cum sale counters are required to pay the fixed minimum rentals for the allotted space and specified discount on actual sales secured. The detailed terms and conditions along with the application pertaining to the above can be obtained on payment of **Rs. 200 /-** each plus applicable GST from this office during the **working hours from 10.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m.** The last date and time for submission of the duly filled application to be dropped in the drop box kept at the reception counter of the office is **on or before 18.10.2023 at 5.00 p.m.** The application received after the due date and time will not be accepted. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any / all applications received without assigning any reason. Preference will be given to firms who have dealt with Govt. Organisation/Govt. undertaking / Govt. Boards and Corporations.

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E-AUCTION SALE PROCLAMATION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

Sale of immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

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Total Amount Due as on 31-08-2023 :Rs.45,93,877/-(Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Only)

Nature of Possession	Under possession
Date & Time of Auction	03/11/2023,11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Reserve Price	Rs.40,19,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Only)
EMD	Rs.4,01,900/- (Rupees Four Lakhs One Thousand Nine Hundred only) RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of "IndusInd Bank Ltd", Account No. 00083564604005
Bid Increment	Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)
Mode of Auction	E-AUCTON

Description of secured asset : All that piece and parcel of the apartment/Flat bearing No.401, 4th floor with a super built area of about 1366 and 341sq.ft of undivided right , title and interest in the entire property bearing No.15, Rajeshwarinagar, Laggere village Katha No.131/1, presently under Dasarahalli CMC having its present katha no.213, of Laggere main road, Laggere, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560058, measuring East to West : 50 feet, North to South 60-0 feet totally measuring 3000 square feet, along with one covered car parking.

Date of Inspection : 27/10/2023 between 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. please contact Mr. Jansi Rao, 9886090570, Mr. Chakradhari Shubham, 930437675, Authorised Officer Mr. Varadaraj, Mob: 9966078652, vardaraj.devaraj@indusind.com.

Last Date of Submission of bids (E-auction) : 02/11/2023 up to 04:00 PM

This publication is also a Fifteen Days (15) notice to the aforementioned borrower/guarantors under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors Website i.e, **https://www.indusindbank.com,** regarding E-Auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the E – Auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**

Date: 09-10-2023, Place : Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indusind Bank Limited

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: 903/SE(E)/Tr.(W&M)/EEE(O)/AEE-1&3/23-24/CYS-21 Date: 11.10.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites tender for the following works:

(1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/23-24/110 KV/STN-28/Shirahatti for **"Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11kV transformer along with switchgear at 110kV Shirahatti sub-station in Shirahatti taluk, Gadag District including supply of equipments / materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on Partial Turn Key Basis".**

(2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/23-24/110 KV/STN-29/KUMTA for **"Replacement of 1X10 MVA, 110/33kV transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/33kV transformer without switchgear at 110kV Kumta sub-station in Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District including supply of equipments/ materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on Partial Turn Key Basis".**

(3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-3/2023-24/Capacitor Bank/Kumta for **"Replacement of 110kV Class 20MVAR, 123kV (Double star, double Bank of 4x5MVAR) Capacitor Bank at 110kV S/s, Kumta in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Sirsi".**

(4) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-3/2023-24/Capacitor Cells/66HH for **"Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 223.4 kVAR Capacitor Cells suitable for existing 24MVAR, 66kV class Capacitor Bank at 66kV S/s, KPTCL, Harihar-Hospet in TL&SS Division, Haveri".**

Details of the work can be obtained by logging on to KPPP Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 13.10.2023.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Karwar Road, Vidhyuth Nagar, Hubballi

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TENDER SCHEDULE

E-TENDER FOR ENGAGING MANPOWER AGENCY UNDER NATIONAL RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION
(1) TENDER REFERENCE NO & DATE:- No:ZPDVG:DV(1):NRLM CR:42/2023- 24 DATE: 06-10-2023 (2) APPROXIMATE VALUE OF TENDER:- Rs. 91,73,376/- (3) EMD AMOUNT:- Rs.1,50,000/- (4) TENDER COMMENCEMENT DATE:- 06-10-2023 (5) LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS:- 21-10-2023 4:00 PM (6) TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS:- 25-10-2023 3:00 :00 PM (7) TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF FINANCIAL BIDS:- 27-10-2023 3:00PM (8) Contract Period:- 1 year (9) PLACE OF OPENING OF TENDERS:- CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ZILLA PANCHAYAT OFFICE, DAVANAGERE-577005. PH.NO.08192-261485, 260016

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Sd/- Chief Executive Officer,
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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ,
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Indent No: DMA/2023-24/IND0626 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.10.2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ– (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಾದ ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಕಳ ಪುರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 4 ಇಂದಿರಾ ಕ್ಯಾಂಟೀನ್ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹಾರ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಬಿಡುದಾರರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಲಾದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್' ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : DMA/2023-24/IND0626 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಓದಿ ಅಥವಾ ಓದಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಸದ್ರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ

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IFT No: KMF/ENGG/CFPR-WEIGH BRIDGE/1555/2023-24 Date: 10-10 -2023

SHORT TERM RETENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd CALL)
[TWO COVER SYSTEM] [THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender from the eligible suppliers / manufacturers through E-procurement for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested and reputed suppliers / manufacturers who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Period of completion
1	Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 80 MT Capacity Weigh Bridge including Control Room And related civil work on Buyback basis to cattle feed plant- Rajanukunte	1 Job	94,400/-	4 Months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated:12-10-2023 to 21-10-2023 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission on date: 21-10-2023 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 26-10-2023 at 4:30 am.

For Karnataka Co-Op. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.908/BGK/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-2/Tr.(W&M)/F-53/3357-68&3369-80 Date: 11.10.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(kppp Portal through)

KPTCL invites tender on Electronic mode for the following works.

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2023-24/IND0002. **Supplying and installation of Desktop Computers, Multifuction Printers, UPS, Photo copiers machines and Laptops to the officers coming under Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Bagalkote.**

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2023-24/IND0008. **Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 0.2s Accuracy Class 24 Nos. of 11kV Outdoor Oil immersed and 24 Nos of Indoor resin cast Current Transformers required at TL&SSM Division, KPTCL, Vijayapur coming under Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Bagalkote.**

The tenders will be received through e-procurement portal only. The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11:00 a.m. of 12.10.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Zonal Office Complex, Opp: Sector No.45, Navanagar, Bagalkot-587 103.

Central point

Congress should not use caste mobilisation as communalism counter

Madhya Pradesh, which is in the geographical centre of India, will likely witness a straight contest between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress in the Assembly election in November. The BJP is currently in power in the State, though it was the Congress that won the election five years ago in 2018. Using defections from the Congress, the BJP usurped power two years later in 2020. The BJP hopes to overcome the anti-incumbency that it has accumulated over 18 years through some deft moves and electoral experiments. The party has given enough indications that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will not continue in the event of the party winning another term; it has fielded seven Parliament members including three Union Ministers – Narendra Singh Tomar, Faggan Singh Kulaste, and Prahlad Singh Patel. The party is betting that it will be able to generate new enthusiasm among its fatigued cadres. The BJP strategy also deemphasises the performance of the State government and Mr. Chouhan and turns the spotlight on the personal image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The party's campaigning focuses on social groups such as tribespeople even as it lays claim to being the sole spokesperson of Hindu identity politics, which manifests itself in acts such as the inauguration of a landmark statue of Adi Shankaracharya recently.

The Congress, which is still nursing the wounds of the 2020 split, is trying to turn that setback in its favour in this round. The entry of Congress defectors into its fold unsettled the power balance within the BJP, particularly in the Gwalior-Chambal region, which might translate into electoral dividends for the Congress. The defections also shed some weight from the top for the Congress, helping it to better balance its internal affairs. All leaders now defer to former Chief Minister Kamal Nath who is firmly in command of the party campaign. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra had generated enthusiasm in the State, and he now commands a following that adds additional heft for the party. The Congress's uncharacteristic plunge into caste politics by promising a caste-based survey across the country will be on test in Madhya Pradesh. Unlike Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the Congress does not have a considerable number of Other Backward Class leaders in Madhya Pradesh. The party may also have to deal with sniper attacks from the Aam Aadmi Party which may try to alter the bipolar nature of the contest. The biggest challenge for the Congress is to walk a tight rope on the question of Hindu identity politics, and avoid communal polarisation that the BJP instinctively resorts to when on the back foot.

Spring cleaning

Fixing grey areas is good, but the GST regime needs a broader reform plan

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council last Saturday lifted the haze on about a dozen tax treatment ambiguities, some of which have lingered since the indirect tax regime's launch in July 2017, such as the tax on corporate and personal guarantees for bank loans. It slashed the GST on molasses from 28% to 5%, with a view to lower cattle feed costs and ease up cash flows for sugar mills so they may pay farmers' dues faster. Rate tweaks and spring-cleaning clarifications apart, one of the significant outcomes was the decision not to exercise the Council's power to tax extra neutral alcohol (ENA) used for alcoholic liquor. With alcohol for human consumption still outside the GST net, the indirect tax levy on ENA or high strength potable alcohol – a key ingredient – could not be set off against State levies on the final product. Industry had been seeking for clarity on this vexed issue for years, with courts taking varying positions.

It is heartening that the Council, that met just twice in 2022, has met four times this year, and thrice in just four months, even if a few agenda items pertained to fixing anomalies in recent decisions. With the age norms for the president and members of the long-awaited GST Appellate Tribunals now harmonised with other tribunals – a clearly avoidable oversight – one hopes they will become operational soon. For consumers and producers, however, the biggest matter of concern should be the Council's resolve to meet at a future date exclusively to discuss what Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman termed 'perspective planning' on the GST Compensation Cess and what kind of surcharge it could be replaced with. Originally packaged as a time-bound levy on top of a 'Good and Simple Tax' to compensate States for revenue losses for the first five years of GST, the COVID-19 pandemic's hit on tax collections had triggered an extension of the Cess levied on so-called demerit goods such as aerated drinks, tobacco products and automobiles, till March 2026. Discouraging some sin goods may be desirable. However, ringing in a new cess must not be done in isolation, but as a part of the broader rationalisation of GST's complex multiple-rate structure. That rationalisation exercise, initiated two years ago, unfortunately remains off the table despite robust revenue inflows in recent times. Frequent tweaks of irritants aside, the GST regime needs a holistic reform plan, including a road map to bring in excluded items such as electricity, petroleum and alcohol.

UN Security Council reform is a song in a loop

Shashi Tharoor

is a third-term Member of Parliament (Congress) and former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, former chair of the External Affairs Committee of Parliament and author of 25 books including 'Pax Indica' and (with Samir Saran) 'The New World Disorder'

More than three decades after the debate first started over fundamental reforms at the United Nations (UN), the issue appears to have resurfaced at the ongoing General Assembly session of the world body. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of Türkiye was blunt: "The Security Council has ceased to be the guarantor of world security and has become a battleground for the political strategies of only five countries." Even the UN's Secretary-General, António Guterres, issued a stern warning: "The world has changed. Our institutions have not. We cannot effectively address problems as they are if institutions do not reflect the world as it is. Instead of solving problems, they risk becoming part of the problem."

It could not have been put more bluntly, but we have heard this song before. Politically, it is untenable that the five permanent members (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States) enjoy their position, and the privilege of a veto over any Council resolution or decision, merely by virtue of having won a war 76 years ago. In the case of China, the word 'won' needs to be placed within inverted commas.

I was serving at the UN when then-Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali declared that Security Council reform must be accomplished in time for the 50th anniversary of the world organisation in 1995. But even as the urgent rhetoric continues to be spoken, the organisation has missed not only the 50th anniversary of the UN, but even the 60th, the 70th and now the 75th. Left to their own devices, member-states will be arguing the merits of the case well past the UN's centenary.

An unjust situation in terms of equity

The problem of reforming the Security Council is akin to a malady in which a number of doctors gather around a patient; they all agree on the diagnosis but they cannot agree on the prescription. The diagnosis is clear – the Security Council reflects the geopolitical realities of 1945 and not of today. When the UN was founded in 1945, the Council consisted of 11 members out of a total UN membership of 51 countries; in other words, some 22% of the member states were on the Security Council.

Today, there are 193 member-states of the UN, and only 15 members of the Council – fewer than 8%. The one change ever made to the original Charter was in 1965 when the Security Council was expanded from 11 members to 15 by adding four more elected non-permanent members. So, many more countries, both in absolute numbers and as a proportion of the membership, do not feel adequately represented on the body. The composition of the Council also gives undue weightage to the balance of power of those days. Europe, for instance, which accounts for barely 5% of the world's population, still controls 33% of the seats in any given year (and that does not count Russia, another European power).

> The problem of reforming the United Nations Security Council is akin to a malady presented before doctors – there is agreement only on the diagnosis and not the prescription

In terms of simple considerations of equity, this situation is unjust: for starters, to those countries whose financial contributions to the UN outweigh those of four of the five permanent members – Japan and Germany have for decades been the second and third largest contributors to the UN budget, while still being referred to as 'enemy states' in the United Nations Charter (since the UN was set up by the victorious Allies of the Second World War). And it denies opportunities to other states such as India, which by its sheer size of population, share of the world economy, or contributions in kind to the UN (through participation in peacekeeping operations, for example) have helped shape the evolution of world affairs in the seven decades since the organisation was born.

Stances by countries

So, the Security Council is clearly ripe for reform to bring it into the second quarter of the 21st century. But for every state that feels it deserves a place on the Security Council, and especially the handful of countries which believe their status in the world ought to be recognised as being in no way inferior to at least three of the existing permanent members, there are several who know they will not benefit from any reform. The small countries that make up more than half the UN's membership accept that reality and are content to compete occasionally for a two-year non-permanent seat on the Council. But the medium-sized and large countries, which are the rivals of the prospective beneficiaries, deeply resent the prospect of a select few breaking free of their current second-rank status in the world body. Many are openly animated by a spirit of competition, historical grievance or simple envy. They have successfully and indefinitely thwarted reform of the membership of the Security Council.

Part of the problem is that the bar to amending the UN Charter has been set rather high. Any amendment requires a two-thirds majority of the overall membership, in other words 129 of the 193 states in the General Assembly, and would further have to be ratified by two-thirds of the member states. Ratification is usually a parliamentary procedure, so, in other words, the only 'prescription' that has any chance of passing is one that will both persuade two-thirds of the UN member-states to support it and not attract the opposition of any of the existing permanent five – or even that of a powerful U.S. Senator who could block ratification in Washington.

That has proved to be a tall order indeed. India's credentials may seem obvious to us, but China is none too keen on diluting its status as the only Asian permanent member; Pakistan, which fancies itself as India's strategic rival on the subcontinent, is unalterably opposed; and to some extent Indonesia seems to feel diminished by the prospect of an Indian seat. In Latin America, Brazil occupies a place analogous to India's in Asia, but Argentina and Mexico have other ideas, pointing to Portuguese-speaking Brazil's inferior credentials in representing largely Hispanic Latin America. And while Africa, given that it accounts for 54 member-states, insists on two permanent seats, how is one to adjudicate the rival credentials of the continent's largest democracy, Nigeria, its historically largest economy, South Africa, and its oldest civilization, Egypt? Another proposal suggests creating a second category of "semi-permanent members" to accommodate such states for, say, 10-year electable terms. It has found no takers among the principal aspirants.

Continuing gridlock

So, while the debate keeps going round in circles for decades, gridlock continues in the Security Council, as most vividly illustrated recently over the Ukraine conflict, when a Permanent Member of the Security Council invaded a sovereign UN member-state and the Council proved powerless to respond. Russia's increasing resort to the veto has blocked resolutions on Ukraine, Mali, Syria and North Korea. Similar obstructionism by the West has affected proposals to reform the financial institutions established at Bretton Woods in 1944, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. And yet this is the only global system we have got that brings all countries together on a common platform. Can we afford to let it fade into ineffectiveness and irrelevance?

'Modi-nomics' fails to buck the trend

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There has been intense focus on India's growth performance of late. First, on the occasion of the Delhi meetings of the G-20, the government announced that it was the world's fastest growing major economy. It was met with a challenge from an independent economist on the grounds that the government had relied on the income method to estimate GDP, and that were the expenditure method to be used instead the observed growth rate would be lower. The Finance Ministry responded that the Government of India had been consistent in using GDP estimated by the income method throughout.

This is correct.

A focus that is flawed

However, it may be noted that the contestation had been over economic performance in a single quarter, namely the first quarter of the current financial year. Soon after this exchange, Arvind Subramanian and Josh Felman investigated whether India's growth rate is accelerating or decelerating after the COVID-19 year of 2020-21. They concluded (in a media article, September 14) that "after a strong recovery there has been a significant ebbing of dynamism over the last three quarters". The former Chief Economic Adviser and his co-author may well be right, but both the government and those challenging its narrative are focused on very short phases of growth. This can result in mistaking the cycle – a temporary fluctuation – for the trend, which is the long-term tendency.

Statistical considerations apart, right now there are good reasons for looking at a slice of time longer than a few quarters when studying economic growth in India. We are edging towards the general election 2024. A major issue in this election would be the impact the incumbent party has had in managing the economy. Though only one aspect of economic performance, the growth of GDP, has become the main focus of attention. This shift in focus has been led by the Narendra Modi government itself. So, it should be open to an evaluation of its performance based on this indicator.

> Focusing on GDP growth after the COVID-19 pandemic may show the Indian economy in a relatively good light, but it misses the point of economic management under the present government

Growth, from 1950 to the present

To ascertain the impact on the economy of the present government, we investigate whether it has been able to raise its underlying rate of growth, termed the 'trend'. As part of this, we study GDP growth from 1950 to the present. This enables us to see recent growth in relation to what has been achieved in the past. Also, we adopt a statistical procedure that identifies changes in the underlying rate of growth. And, what do we find?

Studying growth up to the year 2019-20, which is the pre-COVID year, we find that the last time the growth rate increased in India was in 2000. The conclusion from this must be that the Modi government has not had success in raising the rate of growth of India's economy while in office. This does not mean that the promised "*Achhe Din*" have not come, for there has been growth of income per capita, but this government has not been able to quicken the pace at which they have been coming our way for decades.

The finding does not surprise, for in the six years up to the COVID-19 pandemic, the growth rate had slowed sequentially in three, immediately upon the demonetisation of 2016. As no major exogenous shock struck the economy in this period, it must be concluded that it is the demonetisation that caused the slowing.

The reason for terminating our study at 2019-20 was that the COVID-19 epidemic, which broke soon after, was a shock that was external to the economy, caused by natural factors. We want to exclude from our analysis any impact on GDP that was not under the control of the government.

But what of the recovery since, for which the government takes credit? There is a way of assessing this claim. We may forecast GDP in the years after COVID-19 by projecting forward the growth rate achieved prior to 2019-20, and see how actual outcomes compare to these projections.

So, we forecast the GDP in 2022-23 by extending the average annual growth rate of 6.5% achieved for the period 2000-01 to 2019-20. We found that actual GDP in 2022-23 is 11.1% less than predicted. So, the recovery from the pandemic may well have been 'V-shaped' but till last year, GDP was yet below trend, so to speak.

The COVID-19 year

Finally, though focusing on GDP growth after the pandemic may show the Indian economy in a relatively good light compared to other major economies, it misses a crucial aspect of economic management during the present government's term in office. This is how the economy performed during the COVID year of 2020-21. In that year, most BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and the United States contracted less than India did. All these countries had also adopted a stronger macroeconomic stimulus. The stimulus adopted by the Government of India then was astonishingly small.

The contraction of GDP during the pandemic in India is most related to that dogmatic refusal to stimulate the economy when needed. It accounts for the corresponding recovery that followed in 2021-22. In effect, very high growth that year reflects the re-starting of production after the lifting of a very stringent lockdown, rather than an independent economic response to smart policy, which is how it is presented. Having left the economy to shift for itself for much of its tenure recently, Modinomics has swivelled to addressing growth frontally. Perhaps having realised that it has not had much success in stimulating private investment, the government has, over the last two Budgets, hiked capital spending at historically high rates. The ideal of 'minimum government' seems to have been shelved in election season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Israel-Hamas war

While Israel has every right to defend its territory from acts of terror, it cannot continue to be oblivious to the negative repercussions of its policy of oppression against the Palestinian people and building settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, which, no doubt, is adding fuel to the fire of discontent among Palestinians. The reign of terror unleashed by Hamas cannot be condoned. But Israel does not have the licence to kill innocent people living in Gaza under the guise of eliminating Hamas. By cutting down the supplies of all essentials to Gaza, Israel has created a humanitarian catastrophe. Concerted efforts aimed at fulfilling the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people for an independent Palestine could alone usher in permanent peace and stability in West Asia.

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Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

The actions by both sides, including the Israeli government's demolition of parts of Gaza and Hamas's threats of executing captives, are deeply troubling. While the history of this conflict is long and complex, it is crucial that the world seeks a path towards a peaceful resolution. The international community should prioritise dialogue and diplomacy as a means to end this senseless conflict. There are real people — families, children, and individuals — who deserve the right to live in peace. The cycle of violence must be broken.

Maimul Safui,
Mumbai

The war between Russia and Ukraine has already thrown the world into chaos. Now, with the new conflict, the world is going to encounter an increase in rifts, which is a serious threat to global harmony.

Jahangir Ali,
Mumbai

The conflict between Israel and Hamas shows that the peace agreements and talks between various countries and entities in the Arab world are a mirage. A few television channels are airing the news that Israel suspects the hand of Qatar and Lebanon in supporting Hamas. Keeping the pot boiling at all times seems to be the thread in this region.

Sally Devadhas,
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

Young leadership

Investing in girls' rights is a moral imperative and a strategic move with profound implications for society. The report on a Chennai woman, Shreya Dharmarajan, getting a chance to become the U.K. High Commissioner for a day is a truly dignifying milestone for many girls. Creating a new generation of resilient young leaders will help tackle the complex challenges of the future.

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Women's quota — rhetoric and reality

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The celebration of the passing of the Women's Reservation Bill by both Houses of Parliament glosses over certain realities about this conditional legislation. The conduct of a census in the country followed by a delimitation of constituencies based on this census are the conditions for this legislation to take effect. Once it is accepted that reservation for women in legislative bodies is a progressive measure, there is no legal or political justification to prolong its implementation.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Home Minister Amit Shah justified these conditions saying that there could be legal challenges against the legislation if it is passed without relying on criteria fixed by way of a process of delimitation.

No doubt, a legislation should be based on a solid foundation, and have valid reasons for existence.

In the case of the Women's Reservation Law, the reality is that about half of the population are women and they are under-represented in Parliament and State legislative bodies. Reports show that, of the maximum allowed 550 seats in the Lok Sabha, only 82, i.e., 15% are represented by women, and out of the 250 members in the Rajya Sabha, only 31, i.e., 12% are women. The Global Gender Gap Report places this in a macroscopic context by showing that India ranks 141 out of 185 in its list.

Contentious issue

Article 81 (2) (a) of the Constitution states that the number of seats in the Lok Sabha for a State should have a co-relation with the population of the State and "so far as practicable", the criteria should be the same for all States. Article 170, concerning the legislative Assemblies of States, also takes population as the basis for designing constituencies.

However, delimitation in India is a contentious issue. It acts as an incentive for population expansion with scant regard to development and family planning. This was why a full-fledged delimitation was kept in abeyance in India since 1976. It is now expected to be carried out after the Census which will only be held by 2026 at the earliest.

But, as scholar Nilakantan R.S. predicts, this "demographic detonation" will cause "another big fork in the future allocation of political power and associated resources between the north and south". In his book *South vs North* (2022), Mr. Nilakantan has demonstrated how South India has performed well in sectors such as health, education, economy etc. in comparison to the North.

South Indian States reduced their population by scientific means whereas North Indian States in general and States such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in particular have failed to do so. The South Indian States have raised concerns about this proposed delimitation. This could lead to two outcomes: the delimitation would get prolonged by years which in turn will defer the materialisation of the women's quota law, or it might happen based on population which in turn could translate to undue advantages for certain States in the North.

These are situations that the relevant provisions in the Constitution, namely Articles 81 and 170, failed to foresee. Thus, Parliament has committed an egregious folly in fusing women's reservation with delimitation.

Articles 330 and 332 of the Constitution deal with the reservation of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) in the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assembly of States respectively. Though these Articles mention the relationship between reservation and the population of the SC and ST groups, such a parameter is irrelevant to women's quota. That their share in the total population is almost 50% is undisputed. Further, there cannot be a drastic variation in their population from one constituency to the other, as it could happen with SC or ST.

Unwarranted conditions

A census to understand the population of women for the purpose of reservation is also unwarranted. The criteria, process and purpose of the Women's Reservation Bill are qualitatively different from those of the delimitation exercise. And, reservation for women in local bodies, which materialised through the 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts of the Constitution, and came into effect in 1993, was not contingent on any delimitation exercise for that purpose. Parliament, however, has lost sight of these aspects.

How far a constitutional Amendment can be done by way of contingent legislation is an issue too, as certainty is regarded as one of the hallmarks of modern constitutions. In *Hamdard Dawakhana vs Union of India* (1959), the Supreme Court hinted that in conditional legislations, for the statute to take effect, there could be a further dependence on the executive or even on the legislature of the future day, among other things.

Such enactments might be needed on various occasions for multiple reasons. But, by amalgamating the demand for women's reservation with the uncertainty of a future delimitation process, that too in the case of a constitutional amendment, Parliament has made populist rhetoric at best or committed a constitutional blunder at worst. The secrecy maintained on the subject till the commencement of the special session was also thoroughly undemocratic, which in turn, prevented the exposure of the follies of the legislation.

Therefore, with regard to the future of the women's quota in the legislature, one can only have the pessimism of the intelligence and optimism of the will, as Antonio Gramsci famously put it, in a different context.

Parliament has committed an egregious folly in fusing women's reservation with delimitation

The 'guardians of power'

The post of guardian Ministers is becoming a point of contention among allies

STATE OF PLAY

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Last week, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde appointed his Deputy, Ajit Pawar, who heads the rebel faction of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), as the guardian Minister of the coveted Pune district, replacing Bharatiya Janata Party strongman Chandrakant Patil.

The final list of 12 Ministers underscores yet again the growing influence of Ajit Pawar's faction within the ruling alliance, which includes Mr. Shinde's Shiv Sena faction, the BJP, and the NCP with Ministers from Ajit Pawar's faction, such as Agriculture Minister Dhananjay Munde, and Medical Education Minister Hasan Mushrif being assigned guardianship of their respective strongholds of Beed and Kolhapur, following speculations that Ajit Pawar was dissatisfied with his allies.

Ever since the 64-year-old nephew of NCP supremo Sharad Pawar joined the Shinde-Fadnavis government on July 2, there has been an intense power tussle among the three allies over the allotment of Cabinet berths and guardian ministership, as they oversee the combined Budget of all local civic bodies within their districts and ensure the effective implementation of funds allocated by the Union and State governments for various schemes. On the political front, it enables them to bolster their legislators in the district and further expand the reach of their party due to close proximity with voters. In fact, within the Shinde camp, there is a palpable sense of discontent towards Ajit Pawar's faction, primarily due to his initial acquisition of the pivotal Finance portfolio and his subsequent appointment as the guardian Minister of Pune, the Cultural and IT capital of the western State. The district is a nerve centre of Ajit Pawar's politics, which can potentially create challenges for BJP legislators.

Priority for Ministers

A guardian Minister is typically chosen from the State Cabinet with priority for Ministers representing the particular district. However, in cases where a district lacks presentation in the Cabinet, Ministers from other districts can be chosen and one can serve as guardian Minister for multiple districts. For instance, BJP senior leader and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis represents Nagpur South West Assembly constituency and serves as guardian Minister for both Nagpur and Gadchiroli districts in Vidarbha region. His party colleague and Rural Development Minister Girish Mahajan, who represents the Jamner Assembly constituency, has been assigned guardianship of Latur, Dhule and Nanded districts.

"At the end of the day, in a State like Maharashtra, where every Minister, MLA and MP is a big leader, especially after Dada (Ajit Pawar) joined the ruling alliance, this post gives significance to the Minister in their political turf or any allotted district as they control the major chunk of development funds, officers postings, and welcoming dignitaries such as the President, Vice President and Prime Minister," a senior leader from Mr. Shinde's Shiv Sena said.

Matter of pride

Citing how Chief Minister Shinde was opposed to giving away the guardian ministerships of Satara, Raigad and Nashik despite continuous demand from Ajit Pawar to accommodate Ministers from his party, he said: "Guardian ministership is a pride for any Cabinet Minister in Maharashtra, and one cannot risk losing it as it also gives a chance to expand the party's presence in the region." Currently, Shiv Sena Ministers, Uday Samant, Dada Bhuse, and Shambhuraj Desai are in charge of Raigad, Nashik and Satara respectively.

Not just in the current dispensation, but in the previous governments too, this post has remained a point of contention, as a guardian Minister is also the ex-officio chairperson of the District Planning Committee, a body mandated by law in every district. As there are no specific guidelines in the law for the Committee's leadership, in some States it is headed by the administration and elected representatives. The guardian Minister is expected to address municipal and urban-rural affairs, including water sharing, spatial planning and infrastructure development.

With no local bodies representatives for over a year – the State government is yet to hold elections to 23 municipal corporations and 26 district councils – the role of guardian Ministers has gained prominence. The position holds immense prestige, making the incumbent a de facto or "mini Chief Minister" of the district.

Do Delhi's migrants approve the idea of remote voting?

Overall, 47% of respondents tended to trust the remote voting system, while 31% expressed distrust

DATA POINT

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In late 2022, the Election Commission of India (ECI) proposed a Remote EVM (R-EVM) to address issues related to domestic migrant voting. The goal was to improve the 67.4% voter turnout in the 2019 general election. The ECI held an all-party meeting where most political parties raised different kinds of concerns and suggested that there is need for more discussion on this issue.

To gauge public trust in the proposed system, a survey by Lokniti-CSDS was conducted in September 2023, involving 1,017 migrants living in Delhi's slums, with 63% men and 37% women. The survey aimed to understand whether the proposed R-EVM system would gain the viable level of trust among its intended users, setting aside legal and logistical concerns raised by political parties.

The biggest chunk of migrants in Delhi, almost half, come from the neighbouring Uttar Pradesh followed by Bihar (22%), West Bengal (8%) and Rajasthan (7%). The surveyed migrants stated employment opportunities as the primary reason for relocation (58%). However, the second most cited reason was family-related reasons (18%) followed by relocation due to marriage (13%). Of the people who moved for family reasons or due to marriage, an overwhelmingly high proportion were women.

Over three in five (61%) amongst Delhi's migrants have lived in Delhi for more than five years, whereas 9% came to Delhi recently and have lived in Delhi for less than a year. The data also suggest that a majority of migrants from Uttar Pradesh (68%) and Rajasthan (62%) have lived in Delhi for more than five years whereas a higher number of people from Bihar (14%) migrated recently.

Nearly four in five (75%) migrants stated that they have been living in Delhi for a long time; whereas 18% came for a short period. This number suggests that their stay in Delhi is temporary, for work such as construction and other allied activities. When we look at the regional profile of the short-term migrants, one can observe that a comparatively higher proportion of people from Bihar (24%) come to Delhi for short-term work; the other States' percentages being similar. This suggests that people from Bihar are more prone to seasonal migration due to the State's economic activities/opportunities.

Nearly half (53%) the migrants have registered themselves as voters in Delhi while nearly one in four (27%) are registered as voters in their home State. Furthermore, 9% of them are registered voters in both Delhi and their home State. Looking at the electoral participation of Delhi's migrants at different levels of elections – local/panchayat, Assembly, and national elections, one can observe that they participate more in national and State level elections than the local elections (**Table 1**).

Migrants from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh maintain strong connections to their local political units, with substantial numbers, 26% and 24% respectively voting in local elections there. In State Assembly elections, a comparatively high number of people from West Bengal (35%) went back to the State to cast their vote. This could be attributed to a sense of responsibility towards their home State's political landscape.

Looking at the reasons people went back to vote, 40% of the people went back home to exercise their fundamental right to vote (**Table 2**). This shows a reasonably high level of permeation of ideas of fundamental rights. One in four persons also use election season as another reason to visit their family at home.

The survey's central question revolved around trust in a proposed remote voting system. Overall, 47% of respondents tended to trust this system, while 31% expressed distrust (**Table 3**). Notably, 23% did not share their opinion, potentially indicating complexities in the proposed system. When analysed by gender, men showed greater trust (50%) compared to women (40%), with more women (32%) responding with 'can't say,'. This is probably down to women's low involvement in politics due to a range of structural reasons.

Trust in the system increased with higher education levels, suggesting that better-educated individuals had more faith in the idea of remote voting. Conversely, lower-educated respondents were more likely to refrain from sharing this opinion. This indicates that people having low educational attainments find it difficult to come to a conclusive opinion about a seemingly complex system.

Examining trust across States, migrants from West Bengal had the highest trust levels at 53%, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan at 50% and 49%, respectively. However, in Rajasthan, a significant 39% expressed distrust. Bihar had the lowest trust at 41%, with high 'can't say' responses (26%).

The ECI for the time being has shelved the idea of introducing R-EVMs because most political parties did not support the idea. The ECI wanted to use these machines to make it easier for people to vote. However, just relying on technology will not solve all the problems.

Many people do not understand how these new machines work. Democracy works best when people are actively involved in their local elections, but that is not always happening. Giving people easier ways to vote is good, but it is not enough. Increasing electoral participation alone does not deepen democracy. We need to teach more people about the values of democracy and make sure they understand why it is important.

Bridging the distance

The tables are from a study conducted by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)

Voting rights: Migrant workers from Assam, displaying Voters ID Card. RAJEEV BHATT

Table 1: Electoral participation of Delhi's migrants at different levels of polls

Voted in last…	Voted	Voted in Delhi	Voted in home States
Local/panchayat election	68%	74%	26%
Assembly election	71%	76%	24%
National election	71%	73%	26%

Table 2: Reasons for going back home to vote

40% of migrants believe voting to be their fundamental right. Migrants from Bihar and U.P. maintain strong connections to their local political units, with, 26% and 24% respectively voting in local elections there

	Share
Voting is my fundamental right	40%
Made family trip alongside	25%
Local issues matter	13%
Familiar candidate	9%
Financial incentive from candidate/ political party	7%

Table 3: Extent to which migrants trust the secrecy of the ballot in case remote voting is allowed

	To a great extent	To some extent	Not much	Not at all	Can't say
Overall	28%	19%	12%	19%	23%
Gender					
Men	31%	19%	13%	19%	17%
Women	22%	18%	9%	19%	32%
Education					
Illiterate	25%	15%	10%	17%	33%
Primary Pass	26%	18%	13%	20%	23%
Matric Pass	31%	19%	11%	22%	16%
Intermediate	32%	23%	16%	17%	12%
Graduate and above	33%	27%	7%	19%	13%
State					
Bihar	22%	19%	13%	21%	26%
Uttar Pradesh	31%	19%	11%	15%	24%
West Bengal	32%	21%	11%	19%	16%
Rajasthan	28%	21%	13%	26%	11%
Other States	21%	17%	14%	27%	21%

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 12, 1973

Labour shortage: India's offer to Czechoslovakia

New Delhi, Oct. 11,

The President, V. V. Giri, has told Czechoslovak leaders that India would be prepared to send workers to ease acute labour shortage in Czechoslovakia provided they were assured of proper status.

He told newsmen last night aboard the Air India Boeing "Makalu" by which he returned to New Delhi from Prague this morning, that Czechoslovakia leaders, including the Prime Minister, Mr. L. Strougal, appeared receptive to the idea.

Both sides, however, agreed that the offer would have to be carefully studied before any final decision was taken.

Mr. Giri who arrived in Delhi via Moscow at the end of official visits to Rumania and Czechoslovakia, was received at the Delhi airport by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Vice President, Mr. G. S. Pathak, and several Cabinet members.

Summing up his impressions, Mr. Giri told newsmen aboard the aircraft that his visit to Rumania and Czechoslovakia had brought India and these countries "nearer to each other" and the Governments there now fully understood India's policies and programmes.

Both Rumania and Czechoslovakia were prepared to respond on many matters that were discussed, he said.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 12, 1923

Silver Market

(Reuter's Special Service)

London, Oct. 10.

Montagu's weekly report says that the silver market has been dominated by the demand for prompt shipment to Bombay by this week's steamer due to arrive in time for the October settlement in that city. This has tended to hold up cash price.

The quotation for forward delivery at present seems to be rather too low to encourage the sales from China and too high for China to replace the recent favourable sales here made for that quarter.

It is reasonable to expect some easement in prices when the present stress is over. America is more disposed to feed our market but the continent is not selling with any freedom.

From Page One

Rajasthan Assembly poll put off by two days

The date of notification of polls in Rajasthan would be October 30, the last date for filing nominations November 6, the date for scrutiny November 7 and last date for withdrawal of candidature November 9. Earlier, BJP MP from Rajasthan's Pali and former Law Minister P. P. Chaudhary wrote to the EC, requesting a reschedule of the date of the Rajasthan Assembly elections. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat too had requested the EC to consider a change in dates.

'Operation Ajay' to bring back Indians from Israel

Following that ground, sky and sea attack, Israel has launched a massive military strike against Gaza Strip. The rapid escalation has also drawn the Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, which has lobbed rockets at Israel's northern territory drawing Israeli strikes. The situation has turned the sky above Israel risky prompting cancellation of many international flights.

A source indicated that the scale of Operation Ajay will depend on demand and that the government will augment capacities depending on further need.

Control room set up

India has been preparing for the escalating situation soon after the conflict erupted on Saturday. On Wednesday, the Ministry of External Affairs set up a 24-hour control room, which will operate simultaneously from New Delhi, Tel Aviv and Ramallah in the Palestinian territory.

There are at least 900 Indian students who are enrolled in various Israeli universities and institutions. That apart, a large number of traders, IT professionals and domestic workers and caregivers work in Israel. A significant part of Israeli population consists of Indian-origin Jews who trace their background to Kochi, Kolkata and Mumbai.

After the outbreak of the hostilities, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma had brought to notice that pilgrims were stuck in Bethlehem in Palestinian territories and sought assistance from the External Affairs Minister to evacuate them.

SC firm on transfer of Manipur HC judge

"The Collegium, therefore, resolves to reiterate its October 9, 2023 recommendation to transfer Mr. Justice Muralidharan to the High Court at Calcutta," the Collegium note said on October 11.

Justice Muralidharan was functioning as the Acting Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court.

The office of the Manipur Chief Justice had fallen vacant in February 2023 following the elevation of Justice P.V. Sanjay Kumar to the Supreme Court. The Collegium had recommended Delhi High Court judge, Justice Siddharth Mridul, for appointment as the regular Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court in July. However, the proposal had continued to remain pending with the government for months.

On October 9, a Supreme Court Bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, the number two judge in the Supreme Court and a member of the Collegium, informed in open court during the hearing of a case concerning the chronic delay in judicial appointments, that the government had written to say that it would be issuing the notification of appointment of Justice Mridul as the Manipur Chief Justice shortly. The Collegium had proposed the transfer of Justice Muralidharan out of Manipur on the very same day, October 9.

A March 27 order passed by Justice Muralidharan, directing the Manipur government to "consider the case of the petitioners for inclusion of the Meetei/Meitei community in the Scheduled Tribe list, expeditiously," is considered one of the immediate triggers for the ethnic violence in the State.

CBI registers FCRA case against *NewsClick*, others

Agency conducts searches at two locations; it says company received unexplained funds, violated rules banning foreign funds for firms producing or broadcasting audio-visual news programmes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday conducted searches on the premises of *NewsClick* founder Prabir Purkayastha after registering a case alleging violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA).

A senior official said that those named as accused in the first information report (FIR) include PPK Newsclick Studio Private Ltd. and its director, Mr. Purkayastha; Jason Pfetcher, manager of Worldwide Media Holdings (WHM), which has invested in *NewsClick*; and the Shanghai-based American millionaire Neville Roy Singham, whose foundation owns WMH

The CBI said searches were carried out at two locations. The move came a day after a Delhi court sent Mr. Purkayastha and the portal's human resources head, Amit Chakraborty, to judicial custody for 10 days under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) case registered by the Delhi Police. "It was alleged that the said private company had received unexplained export remittance of about ₹28.46 crore through four foreign entities in violation of FCRA provisions... there was an unexplained receipt of foreign fund of about ₹9.59 crore by incorrect characterisation of the fund as Foreign Direct Investment. The director of said private company, with his close associates, had allegedly violated the provisions of FCRA," the CBI said.

NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha (right) being brought to a court by the Delhi Police's Special Cell on Tuesday. PTI

It also alleged that the accused had violated the FCRA provisions prohibiting acceptance of foreign contribution by any company engaged in production and broadcast of audio-visual news or current affairs programme through any electronic mode and by any correspondent or columnist or writer or owner of such company.

According to the submissions made earlier by the Delhi Police, seeking the remand of Mr. Purkayastha and Mr. Chakraborty from the court, their analysis of email exchanges showed that Mr. Singham was in direct contact with the other two accused. The email exchanges allegedly showed them discussing how to create a map of India without Kashmir, depicting Arunachal Pradesh as a disputed area.

"To achieve the above objective the accused persons in the guise of foreign funds received money of more than ₹115 crore in the companies named as PPK NewsClick, GSPAN India, JJ Enterprises, Virtunet System," the remand copy said.

The police have also alleged a conspiracy to provide legal aid to Chinese telecom companies such as Xiaomi and Vivo, which are facing tax evasion cases in India.

Four Vivo executives were arrested by the Enforcement Directorate earlier this week in a money laundering case. It alleged that Vivo India remitted almost 50% (₹62,476 crore) of its sale proceeds overseas, mainly to China, to disclose huge losses in several domestically incorporated companies and thus avoid paying taxes in India.

The police also alleged that Mr. Purkayastha conspired with a group named the People's Alliance for Democracy and Secularism to sabotage the electoral process during the 2019 Lok Sabha election.

Caste survey report will be tabled in Bihar Assembly:CM

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday said he would table a report on the recently released caste-based survey in both Houses of the State Assembly during the Winter Session, scheduled to commence in December.

He stressed that future plans, including extending reservations, would be made after a detailed discussion on the report.

"We have completed the caste-based survey after the consent of all the political parties and the report has been released. Now the report will be tabled in both Houses of the Bihar Legislature. Details of the economic status of all the families will also be placed in the House, irrespective of caste and religion. All the MLAs and MLCs will be given a copy of the report so that everyone will come to know about each and every detail. After proper discussion and feedback, further work will be executed. Don't ask me much on this issue right now," he said on the sidelines of an event.

Asked about extending reservation on the basis of the caste-based survey, Mr. Kumar countered: "I will not say anything on this right now. After placing the report of the caste-based survey in the House, we will listen to everyone's opinion. After that, the government will take a decision on it. This is not the appropriate time to speak on this matter."

Responds to allegations

Mr. Kumar also responded to allegations by some BJP leaders that the data collected during the caste-based survey were "fake" and that certain castes had been "undercounted".

"I don't know who is saying that, and if anyone is making such claims, then it does not make any sense at all. I don't pay attention to such claims," Mr. Kumar said.

The Bihar Chief Minister also referred to BJP's State president, Samrat Choudhary, as a "party hopper", hitting back at Mr. Choudhary's remarks without naming him.

The BJP leader had alleged that on the instructions of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad, the Bihar government had increased the number of Yadavs and Muslims in the caste-based survey report.

Cong. slams transfer of CAG officials who 'exposed corruption'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Reacting to news reports that officials of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) who had exposed corruption in the Ayushman Bharat scheme and the Dwarka Expressway project were transferred, the Congress on Wednesday accused the Narendra Modi government of intimidating the officials.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, in a post on X, alleged that the Modi government threatened and removed anyone who "exposes" it. "The Modi government operates mafia style under a cloak of silence and intimidation. If anyone exposes its *modus operandi* of corruption, they are threatened or removed," he said.

"We demand that these transfer orders should be cancelled immediately, the officers return to the CAG and action must be taken on these mega scams relating to Dwarka Expressway, Bharatmala and Ayushman Bharat," Mr. Ramesh said.

Massive scams

He said the CAG reports that were tabled in Parliament recently had pointed to "massive scams".

"It [the CAG report] documented 1,400% cost inflation and tendering irregularities in the Dwarka Expressway, in addition to a diversion of ₹3,600 crore from highways projects, faulty bidding practices, and 60% cost inflation of Bharatmala scheme," Mr. Ramesh said.

Similarly, he said, the CAG report had shown that an audit of the Ayushman Bharat scheme revealed how "lakhs of claims made to dead patients and at least 7.5 lakh beneficiaries were linked to a single mobile number". He alleged that three CAG officers in charge of reporting on the alleged scams had been transferred "to hide the blatant corruption in the Modi Government".

'Mastermind' of Pathankot attack killed in Pakistan

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist Shahid Latif, believed to be the mastermind of the 2016 attack on an Indian Air Force base in Pathankot, was gunned down on Wednesday by unidentified assailants at a mosque in Sialkot district of Pakistan, officials said.

Latif, alias Bilal, a designated terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, is learnt to have been shot dead along with two of his associates by three gunmen.

He had infiltrated into the Kashmir Valley in 1993 and was arrested a year later. He was in Jammu jail with Masood Azhar, founder of the JeM, till 2010, officials said. He was deported to Pakistan in 2010 after his release. "This is the biggest blow to JeM on Pakistan soil," an official said.

Seven IAF personnel were killed when four JeM terrorists sneaked into the Air Force Station in 2016.

India, China agree to continue 'dialogue and negotiations'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

20th round of corps commander-level talks failed to make any headway to end the LAC stand-off

India and China held the 20th round of corps commander-level talks at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side over the past two days, but failed to make any headway to end the stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

The two sides agreed to maintain the momentum of "dialogue and negotiations" while also committing to "maintain" peace and tranquillity on the ground, the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

"The two sides exchanged views in a frank, open and constructive manner for an early and mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in the western sector, in accordance with the guidance provided by the national leadership of the two countries, and building on the progress made in the last round of corps commanders' meeting held on August 13-14, 2023," the Ministry said.

The two sides also committed to maintain peace and tranquillity on the ground in the border areas in the interim, it added. At the 19th round of talks, which came before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation virtual summit and ahead of the G-20 Summit hosted by New Delhi, there were high expectations of a breakthrough on the stalemate at Depsang Plains and Demchok in eastern Ladakh. Following the talks between the Corps Commanders, several rounds of Major General-level talks were held, as reported by *The Hindu* earlier.

Delhi court summons BJP leader in rape case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP leader Shahnawaz Hussain was on Wednesday summoned by a Delhi court in a rape case against him. The court refused to accept the Delhi Police's cancellation report which maintained that no case was made against Mr. Hussain. He has been asked to appear before the court on October 20.

The court accepted the petition filed by the survivor in which she submitted that the police had been "negative" about the case from the beginning.

The case dates back to April 12, 2018. It is alleged that Mr. Hussain, with an aim to settle a dispute with the survivor, called her to a farm house in Chattarpur, where he intoxicated her and raped her. She alleged that the accused made a video and threatened her.

The court held that there was no reason to throw out the complainant's case at the outset.

At Colombo meet, Jaishankar flags dangers of unviable debt

Suhasini Haidar
COLOMBO

India wants to be a "friend to the world", the voice of the Global South, and will work to ensure a free, open and inclusive Indian Ocean region, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Wednesday at the annual meeting of the 23-member Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) in Colombo, where he also raised the "dangers" of unsustainable debt.

Mr. Jaishankar, who met Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, also witnessed the signing of three agreements on bilateral cooperation. The agreements include Indian assistance for housing projects, modernising schools, and a new joint project between the Indian National Dairy Development Board, Amul cooperative, and the Sri Lankan Cargill Group to increase milk production in Sri Lanka.

The Minister's visit, three months after Mr. Wickremesinghe's visit to Delhi, also comes days ahead of the Sri Lankan President's travel to Beijing for the Belt and Road Forum, where he is expected to discuss the Sri Lankan debt crisis and Chinese infrastructural projects.

"We should be clear where the dangers are, be it in hidden agendas, in unviable projects or in unsustainable debt. Exchange of experiences, sharing of best practices, greater awareness and deeper collaboration are part of the solutions," Mr. Jaishankar told a joint press appearance with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister M.U.M. Ali Sabry and his Bangladesh counterpart, A.K. Abdul Momen, in comments he appeared to direct at China's loans and projects to countries in the region.

Talks with IMF

The conference in Colombo comes even as Sri Lanka's government is continuing negotiations with the IMF for a $2.9-billion bailout to avoid a debt crisis, with the second tranche of $330 million not yet released.

Sri Lanka has won support from India, including through lines of credit, debt payment moratoriums, and currency swap arrangements worth almost $4 billion, and is hoping to finalise a debt restructuring package with China, one of its bigger creditors.

S.Jaishankar

After taking charge of the IORA forum on Wednesday, Mr. Sabry said Sri Lanka, which had last chaired the grouping in 2003-04, was a founding member of the Bandung conference which led to the Non Aligned Movement, and also had introduced a UN resolution to declare the Indian Ocean region and airspace a "Zone of Peace" in 1971.

Mr. Jaishankar said the "spirit of 1971" that Mr. Sabry had referred to was important, but that the IORA group must "discourage any hidden agendas to the contrary" and must follow the UN Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) as the "Constitution of the Seas".

Proxy war

"At a time of global polarisation, we are taking the position in IORA that we want an ocean free, open, and inclusive, rules-based ocean for the benefit of all the countries of the region. We don't want anyone to play a proxy war in the Indian ocean specific area," Mr. Momen told *The Hindu* here, adding that there was immense global interest in the IORA as the Indian Ocean, which sees 86% of global trade, was the "most important ocean".

During the meeting, Sri Lanka took over as Chair and India as Vice-Chair of the IORA grouping, which was started in 1997 and now includes 23 countries from South Asia, South East Asia and Australia, West Asia, and Africa, all of whom are situated around the Indian Ocean.

In addition, about 11 major powers are dialogue partners, including China, the U.S., the U.K., Russia, Japan, Turkiye, and the most recent entrant Saudi Arabia.

AAP leader moves SC against 'indefinite suspension' from RS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Rajya Sabha member Raghav Chadha has moved the Supreme Court against his indefinite suspension.

"The power to suspend is meant only to be used as a shield and not as a sword, i.e. it cannot be penal. The power to suspend indefinitely is dangerously open to excess and abuse," Mr. Chadha's petition said.

Mr. Chadha was suspended on August 11, the last day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, for "gross violation of rule, misconduct, defiant attitude and contemptuous conduct". The suspension would continue to operate during the pendency of the Privileges Committee proceedings against him.

The petition said he was suspended an hour before the session was to be adjourned *sine die*. He remains suspended even after the session and could not attend the Special Session in September when the women's reservation Bill was passed.

"The suspension is in clear breach of Rule 256 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States," the petition said.

Assembly polls: indecision continues on date of INDIA bloc inaugural rally

The event is likely to be held in Nagpur, Maharashtra, but with the upcoming festival and hectic poll season, a date that suits all allies is proving elusive; INDIA's coordination panel, seat-sharing arrangements are also in disarray

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The indecision continues over the date for the very first rally of the INDIA bloc, which for now is scheduled to be held in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The festival season and hectic poll preparations for Assembly elections in five States have thrown the plans for the bloc's first rally into disarray. The election season also has put on the back-burner the INDIA bloc's Mumbai resolution to finalise its seat-sharing arrangements at the earliest.

According to sources, the INDIA bloc is considering a band of dates between October 20 to November 10. This continued uncertainty comes after the fiasco of declaring Bhopal as the venue after the first meeting of the bloc's coordination panel on September 13, and then unceremoniously cancelling it.

The election season has put on the back-burner the INDIA bloc's resolution to finalise seat-sharing arrangements at the earliest. PTI

"There are many factors that are coming in the way. There are urban local bodies elections on 4th in Nagpur, there are festivals around the same time and the ongoing campaign for the assembly polls in five States. But we are hopeful that one of the dates between October 20th to November 10th will be fixed for the rally," a senior opposition leader said. Originally, the rally was planned for the first week of October in Bhopal, but Congress's Madhya Pradesh chief Kamal Nath shot down the plan, citing campaign commitments.

'Out of gear'

Meanwhile, the mechanism of coordination panels and working groups that was created after INDIA's Mumbai meeting is completely out of gear. After the September 13 meeting, the coordination panel has not met. Originally planned as a 14-member panel, it was reduced to 13 members, with the Communist Party of India (Marxist) choosing to stay out of the formation. The campaign committee and the three working groups on media, social media and research have not met either.

INDIA bloc had also resolved to finalise the seat sharing arrangements across the country between the constituents at the earliest, though not much headway has been made in this direction. As per sources, though talks are going on at some levels in States where there is already an alliance in place, such as in Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, there are no concrete conversations in other States.

The Assembly elections also created a fresh set of challenges and grievances. The Samajwadi Party and Left parties are both unhappy with the Congress, for not accommodating them in Madhya Pradesh and Telangana. "There is no conversation at all, despite us telling them unequivocally that we should be given a few seats in Madhya Pradesh. How can the Congress then expect us to be generous towards them in Uttar Pradesh," a Samajwadi Party leader asked.

Similarly, the Left is deeply unhappy, with the vacillation about offering them a couple of Assembly seats in Telangana. "We are told that CPI and CPI (M) each will be given two seats but there is no clear communication on which are these seats. The Congress wants our support for a shot at power and all we are asking for is respectable presence," a Left leader said.

BJP has accepted defeat in Assembly polls, says Gehlot

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Taking a dig at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has said the Opposition party had accepted defeat by giving tickets to seven MPs for the Assembly election. He said the Congress would come back to power because of its welfare schemes which had benefited large sections of the State's population.

Ashok Gehlot

Mr. Gehlot was at Sardarshahar in Churu district on Tuesday to unveil the statue of former Congress MLA, the late Bhanwarlal Sharma, on his first death anniversary. He said the BJP's decision to field the sitting MPs as the candidates for Assembly election was its "biggest failure" and a proof that the party had already accepted defeat.

Mr. Gehlot said the BJP was unable to decide a Chief Ministerial face and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had declared the party's symbol, lotus, as its face in the State.

Making a reference to Mr. Modi's repeated visits to the State in the run-up to the Assembly polls, Mr. Gehlot asked if he would come and open colleges and inaugurate new roads after the elections.

Mr. Gehlot indicated that the names of Congress candidates for the November 25 Assembly election would be released by October 18.

The BJP released its first list comprising 41 candidates shortly after the announcement of the poll schedule on October 9.

Mizoram Assembly Speaker quits; set to join BJP

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Mizoram Assembly Speaker Lalrinliana Sailo on Wednesday resigned from his post and from the 40-member Assembly after the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF) denied him a ticket to contest the upcoming election. He is expected to join the BJP on Thursday.

He is the eighth Mizoram legislator to quit ahead of the November 7 Assembly election.

Mr. Sailo, 64, submitted his resignation letter, to Assembly Deputy Speaker H. Biakzauva and to Assembly Secretary Lalhmahruaia Zote. He was accompanied by the State BJP leaders.

"Mizoram needs support and funding from the Centre where the BJP is in power," Mr. Sailo, who had joined the MNF from the Congress ahead of the 2018 poll, told journalists in the State's capital Aizawl.

He has represented the Chalfilh Assembly constituency four times.

Congress will return in Chhattisgarh, says Selja

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Expressing confidence that the Congress will repeat its government in Chhattisgarh, the party general secretary in-charge of the State, Kumari Selja, accused the BJP of blocking a Bill that would have ensured higher reservation to different sections of people in the State.

Addressing a press conference at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters, Ms. Selja claimed that the Congress will cross the 75 mark in the 90-member Assembly in the upcoming election, up from the 68 seats it won in 2018. The party's tally is 71 at present as it won three byelections subsequently. The State will vote in two phases on November 7 and 17.

Ms. Selja said that the Bhupesh Baghel government delivered on its promise to every section of the society. She questioned the BJP's intentions and pointed how a Bill that was unanimously passed by the Assembly to offer 76 per cent reservation to different sections is lying at the Raj Bhavan.

Baghel's game of 'Candy Crush' stirs a political debate

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

A picture of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel playing the popular online game Candy Crush on his mobile phone during a party meeting triggered a political debate in Chhattisgarh.

Bhupesh Baghel

It started with the BJP claiming that Mr. Baghel was busy playing Candy Crush during a Congress meeting over selection of candidates for the upcoming assembly election as he knows his party will not retain power in the State.

The BJP's Amit Malviya claimed that Mr. Baghel was playing the game to decide on the selection of candidates for the upcoming Assembly election.

Mr. Baghel hit back saying he would continue to play traditional games of the State as well as Candy Crush, describing the tile matching game as his favourite. Reposting the same image that Mr. Malviya had put out earlier, he added on X (formerly Twitter) that it was for the people of Chhattisgarh, and not the BJP, to decide who would stay in power.

That, however, was the beginning of a series of exchanges, by way of posts and reposts, that the Chief Minister and several senior leaders of the State BJP engaged in.

Quoting the Mr. Baghel's reply, his predecessor and senior BJP leader Raman Singh accused him of "playing" with Chhattisgarh for the last five years, following up with a list of alleged "scam games" he accused the Chief Minister of playing, including land, coal, sand and liquor.

Another senior BJP leader, Rajya Sabha MP Saroj Pandey reposted Mr. Baghel's 4,400 score post and wrote, "Perhaps Bhupesh Baghel *ji* is telling how much has been earned so far by combining liquor scam, PSC scam and betting scam. Total 4,400 crores."

Repeated passenger train cancellations emerge as an electoral issue in poll-bound Chhattisgarh

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Unlike most election cycles which see divisive social issues at the fore, railways, or specifically, repeated passenger train cancellations, have emerged as an election issue in Chhattisgarh for a change.

With less than a month to go until the first phase of voting, the ruling Congress identifies these cancellations - that it alleges are a deliberate move to accommodate the passage of more goods trains carrying coal on the tracks - as a fundamental issue. The party plans to turn up the heat on BJP - which rules the Centre and is the main challenger in the State - over these cancellations.

Congress spokesperson Sushil Anand Shukla says the issue is State-specific as the mineral-rich region is more affected than other issues. He adds how most of these cancellations are continuous and most of these announcements are sudden.

"In the past 20 days, 64 trains have been cancelled and in the past three years, 64,000 trains have been cancelled. On most occasion, not even a proper explanation is given or passengers are told that it's because of track maintenance despite good wagons carrying coal running on the same tracks. We will definitely take these issues to the people in the coming days as it affects the common man," said Mr. Shukla.

The rail stretch from Raipur to Nagpur is very crucial, says Cong. spokesperson

The figure of 64,000 (or 67,000 as the party's official press notes) comes from a Right to Information (RTI) reply filed by Raipur-based RTI activist Kunal Shukla. Mr. Shukla says that the rail stretch from Raipur to Nagpur is crucial as it connects much of Central-Eastern regions of the country to South and North India.

On Tuesday, Mr. Shukla posted another tweet in which he has posted the image of another RTI reply on transport of coal that showed the number of rakes.

Santosh Kumar - spokesperson for the South East Central Zone of Indian railways which is headquartered in Bilaspur - says the figure of 67,000 includes the cancellations during the COVID-19 where transportation of all kinds had come to a halt. The cancellations, he says, are necessitated because of adding infrastructure.

"Cancellations happen from time to time but not on regular basis, we do it on alternate basis. We ensure that if trains are cancelled on a certain route, the weekly ones take priority over the daily ones. And in all case, we ensure that there are at least some alternatives available," he states.

I am a phoenix that will rise from the ashes, declares Shivraj Singh

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday said he was like a phoenix that would rise from ashes, in his first speech after returning from Uttarakhand.

Addressing a public rally in the Bhopal Uttar Assembly constituency, Mr. Chouhan said, "The Congress is scared of *Mama*. They are praying for my death and taking only *Mama*'s name day in, day out. But, I am Shivraj. Even if I die, I will rise again from the ashes like phoenix to work for the people of Madhya Pradesh."

Mr. Chouhan was referring to a viral post on social media platform X that titled '*Mama* [Mr. Chouhan's popular nickname] *ka Shraddh*', creating a stir in the State due to the BJP giving him a ticket during the Pitru Paksha. The post was shared from a handle named 'With Congress'. The Congress, however, has denied any connection with the post and the handle.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister accused Rahul Gandhi of making false allegations during his Tuesday rally in Shahdol. A.M. FARUQUI

Mr. Chouhan also hit out at Rahul Gandhi and accused him of making false allegations during his Tuesday rally in Shahdol.

The BJP has fielded former Mayor Alok Sharma from the Bhopal Uttar seat, which has significant Muslim population.

The Congress' Arif Aqeel is the incumbent MLA from the seat.

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S.No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1	Date of Online Registration	12th October 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 13th October 2023 (Till 5:00 PM)	02 days
2	Date of deposition of Registration & Security Money	12th October 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 14th October 2023 (Till 11:00 AM)	02 days
3	Date of Merit List Declaration	14th October 2023	01 day
4	Date of On-line Choice Filling	14th October 2023 (From 5:00 PM) to 16th October 2023 (Till 5:00 PM)	02 days
5	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	17th October 2023	01 day
6	Date for downloading the allotment letters and admission	18th October 2023 to 20th October 2023	03 days

- To participate in stray vacancy round, it will be mandatory for all eligible candidates to register themselves online on the website **https://upneet.gov.in** by depositing the registration fee of **Rs. 2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only).**
- Only those candidates will be eligible for the stray vacancy round, who have not been allotted any seat through the first, second & mop-up round of counseling of UP NEET PG-2023.
- Candidates allotted through first, second & mop-up round of counseling of UP NEET PG-2023 and candidates admitted through any round of All India quota counseling will not be eligible for the stray vacancy round.
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- Such un-allotted candidates from Round 1, 2 & mop-up round UP NEET PG 2023 counseling, whose Security money has already been deposited, are not required to deposit the Security money again for the stray vacancy round.
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For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Item Rate Tender** under **Two Cover System, through online only** for **Division – III** work of '**Construction of Foot Over Bridge with Escalator at Km 6/10 of Grand Western Trunk Road near Nelson Manickam Road Junction (SHU – 86)**' will be received upto **15.11.2023, 15.00 Hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Detailed scope of work, approximate value, EMD, availability of tender document and all other details are available from **13.10.2023** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

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Online Tender is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600008, from Licensed **Drugs and Medicines** Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per revised Schedule-"M") issued by the Drug Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced in the field for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1.	Online Re-Tender for the supply of **Essential Drugs and Medicines** to TNMSC Ltd., under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	**e-020/M(P)/ RE-DRUG/ TNMSC/2023, Dated.12.10.2023**	**12.10.2023 at 4.00 PM to 02.11.2023 upto 4.00 PM**	**19.10.2023 at 10.00 AM to 02.11.2023 upto 4.00 PM**	**02.11.2023 at 4.30 PM**

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DIPR/5504/TENDER/2023

Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)

INBRIEF

Trailer for series on Indian freedom struggle released

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday launched the trailer of *KTB- Bharat Hain Hum*, an animated series spread over two seasons featuring stories from the Indian freedom struggle. Produced by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry's Central Bureau of Communication and Graphiti Studios, the series has 52 episodes of 11 minutes each. Doordarshan will telecast the series which will also be available in Netflix and Amazon Prime. The Minister said the series was an effort to educate youth about the lesser known but significant contributors to the freedom struggle, who were forgotten by the education system of the past.

Manipur bans sharing visuals of violence on social media

Amid the ethnic conflict, the Manipur government on Wednesday banned the spread of videos and pictures depicting violence on social media. It noted that it had taken cognisance of reports that such pictures were allegedly being spread to "facilitate and/or to mobilise mobs of agitators and demonstrators, which may aggravate the law and order situation in the State". This comes after small windows of Internet connectivity often led to the discovery of months-old heinous crimes committed during the ethnic conflict which, in several of the cases, led to reactionary escalation of violence or widespread anti-government protests.

Cough syrup firm linked to deaths to resume production

Uttar Pradesh has permitted the resumption of production at a factory owned by Marion Biotech, which produced cough syrups which Uzbekistan linked to the deaths of 65 children last year. The firm is among three Indian companies whose cough syrups have been linked to the deaths of 141 children in Uzbekistan, Gambia and Cameroon by the World Health Organization and other agencies in one of the world's worst such waves of poisoning. The Marion factory in Uttar Pradesh was closed in March, after an analysis last year by Uzbekistan's Health Ministry of two cough syrups made by Marion, Ambronol and DOK-1 Max. REUTERS

NIA raids 20 locations in connection with PFI case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA)on Wednesday carried out searches at 20 locations allegedly linked to the banned terror outfit, the Popular Front of India (PFI). The agency seized digital devices, including laptops, mobile phones, SIM cards, memory cards, pen drives, and hard discs, apart from ₹8.50 lakh in cash in the multi-State operation conducted in connection with a case initially registered on July 12, 2022, by the Phulwarisharif police in Patna, Bihar. "Notably, a document titled 'India 2047 Towards Rule of Islam in India, Internal Document: Not for circulation' was among the findings," said the agency.

SC divided on woman's right to end 26-week pregnancy

Centre objects to the abortion saying the woman's reproductive autonomy cannot take away the rights of her unborn child; two-judge Bench refers the case to CJI to form a larger Bench

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Division Bench of two women judges of the Supreme Court on Wednesday were split in their opinions about the decision of a married woman to abort her 26-week pregnancy and the Centre's resolve to save the "unborn child".

Unable to reach common ground, Justices Hima Kohli and B.V. Nagarathna finally referred the case to the Chief Justice of India to form a three-judge Bench.

The woman, a mother of two and her younger child still a one-year-old infant, was firm in her affidavit that she wanted to medically terminate the pregnancy. She told the Bench that she was taking medication for her mental condition and was not in a position to take care of a third child. The woman was present in court along with her husband.

Additional Solicitor General for the Union government, Aishwarya Bhati, however said the woman has no "absolute right of autonomy to exercise her reproductive rights in a way that would take away the rights of her unborn child".

> The interests of the petitioner has to be considered. Her socio-economic situation... Her decision must be respected by the court.
> **JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA**

Ms. Bhati referred to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act of 2021, which extended the deadline for abortion in "exceptional circumstances" to 24 weeks. She said these circumstances allowed medical termination only if it was necessary to save the life of the mother or in case of a fatal deformity detected in the foetus.

"Once there is a viable baby, the relief cannot be one-sided. Unless she wants to keep the child, her right to bodily autonomy or integrity cannot be beyond the Act. Her fundamental right to choice can be curtailed by the Parliament," Ms. Bhati argued.

On October 9, the Bench of Justices Kohli and Nagarathna had, after getting a report from an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (medical board, allowed the medical termination of the woman's pregnancy in accordance with her wish.

However, the Union returned to the Supreme Court with an application which said that one of the expert doctors on the medical board had emailed Ms. Bhati on October 10 against the abortion, saying the child should be given a chance to survive.

"A categorical medical opinion has come now that the child has a chance to survive. The state has a responsibility," Ms. Bhati said.

The woman's lawyer, in turn, submitted that the court should give "paramount consideration to the mother".

"The first concern is the mother. The child's interest is secondary. Her privacy and dignity is under threat," the counsel for the woman said.

The lawyer said the woman had taken a conscious decision to not have the baby.

Justice Kohli, in her opinion, agreed with the government that the woman should not be permitted to terminate the pregnancy.

However, Justice Nagarathna disagreed with her colleague on the Bench, saying the woman's decision ought to be respected.

"This is not the case of a viable baby being born or unborn. The interests of the petitioner has to be considered. Her socio-economic situation; first that she is a mother of two and her second child is only a year old. She has reiterated that her mental condition and the medication for it does not permit her to continue with the pregnancy. Her decision must be respected by the court. The court must not substitute her decision with a decision of its own," Justice Nagarathna observed.

Disagreeing with Justice Kohli, she said the government's application to recall the October 9 order should be rejected and dismissed.

4 killed, over 60 injured as train derails in Bihar

Rescue work under way in Buxar, Bihar, where the Assam-bound North East Superfast Express derailed on Wednesday. PTI

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Four persons were killed and over 60 injured when six coaches of the Assam-bound North East Superfast Express derailed in Buxar district of Bihar late on Wednesday, an official said.

The 23-coach train (No. 12506) left the Anand Vihar terminal in Delhi at 7.40 a.m. on Wednesday and was en route to Tinsukia. The incident occurred at 9.53 p.m. near the Raghunathpur railway station. A quick response team from the Danapur division of the East Central Railway has rushed to the spot.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Buxar District Magistrate Anshul Agarwal confirmed the casualties.

Due to the derailment, the upline and downline of the route has been affected and trains plying on the stretch have been diverted to other routes.

Helpline numbers

The Railways has issued helpline numbers for the public to reach out for information: Patna station (PNBE) - 9771449971, Danapur station (DNR) - 8905697493, and Ara station (ARA) - 8306182542.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, who is currently in Kerala, spoke to the officials concerned in Buxar and directed them to ensure speedy rescue work. He also instructed the health department to provide all possible support to the injured. *(With PTI inputs)*

Major safety issue detected in South Eastern Railway

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Railway authorities are investigating a major safety issue reported in Adra division of South Eastern Railway where the signal of a line in 'green' turned 'red' after the passage of a train in the adjacent track.

A Junior Engineer who noticed the unusual incident at Ispat Nagar railway station in Jharkhand immediately wrote to the Signal and Telecommunication officials in the zone explaining the sequence of events which led to the signal in a track cleared for passage automatically turning to danger position, railway sources said.

He wrote that around 7.47 a.m. on October 8 at Ispat Nagar station, run-through signal (green) was given simultaneously on two lines.

But after one train passed the signal and hit the track circuit, the signal of the other line automatically turned to danger position (red). "It is a highly unsafe case on part of signalling," he said in an alert message.

Railway sources said that a preliminary probe revealed a defect in the design of the circuit. The advance starter signal was suspended to ensure the safety of trains and immediate rectification work was ordered to minimise impact on train movement and punctuality, the sources said.

Senior railway officials said that the signal mix up could not have been a sudden phenomenon but would have happened on many occasions in the past and was merely noticed by the Junior Engineer on the particular day.

3.21 lakh appeals pending with Information Commissions: report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

More than three lakh appeals and complaints are pending in 27 State Information Commissions across the country and the backlog has been steadily increasing, according to a new report.

Of the 3,21,537 pending appeals, the maximum number was reported in Maharashtra (1,15,524) followed by Karnataka (41,047). Tamil Nadu declined to provide the information.

The 'Report Card on the Performance of Information Commissions in India, 2022-23' said that the 2019 assessment had found that as of March 31 that year, a total of 2,18,347 appeals/complaints were pending in the 26 Information Commissions from which data was obtained, which climbed to 2,86,325 as of June 30, 2021 and then crossed three lakh as of June 30, 2022.

Case backlog

The time taken to dispose a complaint filed was computed using the average monthly disposal rate and the pendency

Information Commission	Estimated time for disposal
West Bengal	24 years and 1 month
Chhattisgarh	4 years and 4 months
Maharashtra	4 years
Arunachal Pradesh	2 years and 11 months
Odisha	2 years and 7 months
Madhya Pradesh	1 year and 11 months
Karnataka	1 year and 11 months
Telangana	1 year and 7 months
Kerala	1 year
Himachal Pradesh	1 year

DATA: SATARK NAGRIK SANGATHAN

Many defunct

Four Information Commissions – Jharkhand, Telangana, Mizoram and Tripura – are defunct as no new Information Commissioners were appointed upon incumbents demitting office. Six Information Commissions are currently headless – the Central Information Commission, and the State Information Commissions of Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Bihar, and Punjab.

The report has been compiled based on the performance of Information Commissions across the country, and on information accessed under the Right to Information (RTI) Act by the Satark Nagrik Sangathan (SNS), a cititzens' group working to promote transparency and accountability in governance.

October 12, 2023 marks 18 years of implementation of the RTI Act in India.

The report says that 2,20,382 appeals and complaints were registered between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 by the 28 Information Commissions for whom relevant information was available.

During the same time period, 2,14,698 cases were disposed of by 29 Information Commissions for which information could be obtained. Under the RTI law, Information Commissions are the final appellate authority.

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(set by Crescent)

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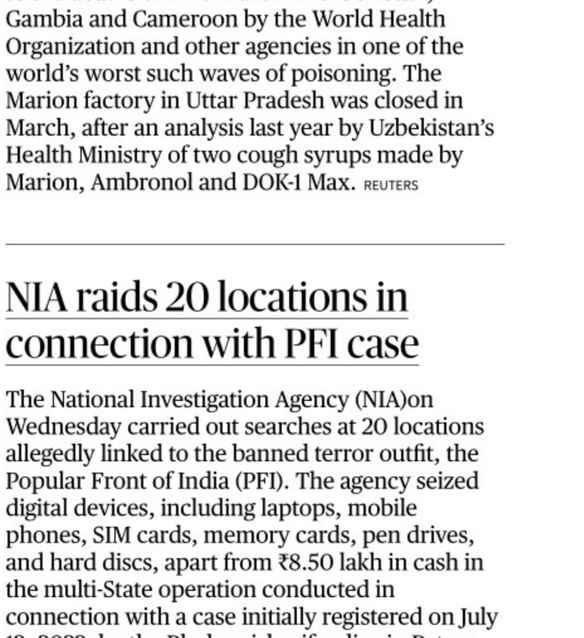

Across

7 Abscond in vehicle sticking permit (6)
8 Roam around with partner in unprincipled fashion (8)
9 Drags in withdrawing bookworm (4)
10 A type ever heading for investigative exercises? (7,3)
11 People showing positive attitude fading away (8)
12 Ingest pectin in some form (6)
14 Killer whale turning over sinking vessel (4)
15 Iconic symbol to a flying squad (5)
16 Spots on bones, the first sign of poison delivering lead in healthy joints (4)
18 Choice restricting sides in European assembly (6)
20 Housing Society leaving present (8)
22 Relaxing sound in choir, essentially sweet flourishes (5,5)
24 Circulating bank instrument (4)
25 Maiden one before repeated screening? (8)
26 Full of sex, doing new cuts (6)

Down

1 Elegant socialite, centrepiece of 'Gone with the Wind'? (8)
2 Champion in India, say, waving garland (5,5)
3 Do wrong circles upset darling to intervene? (4,2)
4 Three notes, sum initially passed over for legal compensation (8)
5 Patient's condition (4)
6 Highlight of young dog taking rest (4,2)
8 Adult in bed with ties to husband in improper arrangement? (1,3,2,3,4)
13 Paucity largely developing with delayed yield (10)
15 Individual introduced to watch helmsman (8)
17 Minor irritation at home pair choose to suppress (8)
19 Learning about a hot city (6)
21 Pacific island nicer when lit up (6)
23 Grave issues from atom bomb (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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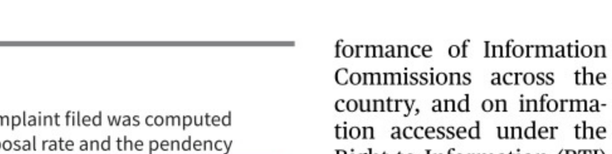

FAITH

Taking the help of Acharya

Anukulya sankalpa and Pratikulya varjana are emphasised in the context of Saranagati (total surrender) to the Supreme One, said M.A. Venkatakrishnan in a discourse. Anukulya sankalpa means determining to do what pleases Lord Narayana. Pratikulya varjana means abstaining from doing that which displeases Him.

In the case of doing what pleases Him, the word sankalpa is used, meaning we must resolve to do what He likes. But in the case of what He dislikes, there is no question of making a resolve and then following it up. The word varja indicates an outright rejection at the very beginning, showing the importance of straightaway rejecting something which He does not approve of. To have the kind of conduct that will make Him happy, we must shun the company of certain people. We must keep away from those who think the body is the atma.

A person should not only know the difference between the atma and the body, but must also do what is good for the atma. For this, one must get the help of an Acharya. So, we must keep away from those who know the difference between atma and the body, but do not approach an Acharya to show them the right path.

For our physical well being, we go to a doctor. For our spiritual well being, we must go to an Acharya.

ISTANBUL

Erdogan vows to intensify strikes on Kurdish groups in Iraq, Syria

REUTERS

Turkey's President on Wednesday vowed to intensify strikes against Kurdish fighters in Syria and Iraq. Turkey has been bombing sites in northeast Syria since Thursday, hitting civilian and military targets, according to Kurdish authorities. Ankara has said that it launched a new wave of air strikes. AFP

BRATISLAVA

Slovak populist Fico says to form bloc with ultra-nationalist far-right

AFP

The leader of Slovakia's left-wing populist Smer-SD party Robert Fico (middle, in the photo) said on Wednesday he signed a deal to forge a coalition government that includes an ultra-nationalist far-right party. Mr. Fico, who had already served as Slovakia's Prime Minister in the past, will chair the new three-party government. AFP

WASHINGTON

Republicans nominate Steve Scalise as next House speaker

REUTERS

Republicans nominated Rep. Steve Scalise on Wednesday to be the next House speaker but now must try to unite their deeply divided majority to elect the conservative in a floor vote after ousting Rep. Kevin McCarthy from the job. The floor vote of the whole House could come as soon as Wednesday afternoon. AP

SYDNEY

China frees jailed Australian reporter Cheng Lei after 3 years

AFP

Australian journalist Cheng Lei (middle, in the photo) was deported from China on Wednesday after more than three years in detention for "supplying state secrets overseas", a charge widely seen as politically motivated. Ms. Cheng, a former anchor for Chinese state broadcaster *CGTN*, had been held since August 2020. AFP

Israel forms emergency govt. for duration of war

Netanyahu was joined by centrist Benny Gantz; Israel continues bombing Gaza ahead of potential ground assault against Hamas; death count touches 1,200 and 1,055 in Israel and Gaza respectively

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY/JERUSALEM

As Israel kept bombing Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a political rival announced an emergency government for the duration of the conflict.

The veteran right-wing leader was joined by the centrist Benny Gantz, a former Defence Minister, in the government and war Cabinet as both put aside bitter political divisions that have roiled the country and sparked mass protests. Their joint announcement came after Israeli soldiers sweeping battle-torn southern towns said they had found 1,200 victims five days after the Islamist militants' onslaught, the worst attack in Israel's 75-year history.

Gaza officials reported more than 1,000 people killed in Israel's withering campaign of air and artillery strikes on the crowded Palestinian enclave.

A file photo of election campaign banner depicting Benny Gantz and Benjamin Netanyahu, ahead of the 2021 ballot. REUTERS

Israel has massed forces, tanks and other heavy armour around Gaza in its retaliatory operation against what Mr. Netanyahu labelled "an attack whose savagery... we have not seen since the Holocaust".

Amid the crisis that has been labelled "Israel's 9/11", Mr. Netanyahu struck the political deal with Mr. Gantz and pledged to freeze for now his government's flashpoint judicial overhaul plan that has sparked mass protests.

Mr. Netanyahu's extreme-right and ultra-Orthodox Jewish allies will remain in government, however. Opposition leader Yair Lapid has not joined the temporary alliance, although the joint statement said a seat would be "reserved" for him in the war Cabinet.

As the war has raged, fears have been intense in Israel for the fate of at least 150 hostages – mostly Israelis but also including foreign and dual nationals – being held in Gaza by Hamas.

Concern has mounted over the worsening humanitarian crisis in war-torn Gaza, where Israel had levelled over 1,000 buildings and imposed a total siege, cutting off water, food and energy supplies for 2.3 million people.

More than 2,60,000 Gaza residents have been forced from their homes, a UN aid agency said, while the EU called for a "humanitarian corridor" to allow civilians to flee the enclave's fifth war in 15 years.

'Most EU nations want to continue funding the Palestinian Authority'

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The "overwhelming majority" of EU countries supported continuing aid payments to the Palestinian Authority, according to the bloc's top diplomat Josep Borrell.

"The overwhelming majority was against the idea or the proposal of suspending the payments to the Palestinian Authority," Mr. Borrell said in Muscat, where he had been for a meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council. Mr. Borrell said the payments, about €600 million a year, would be reviewed and not suspended. The EU is the top international funder of the Authority.

The clarification came late on Tuesday, a day after the EU declared that it was not suspending development aid to the Palestinian territories. The confusion had arisen after European Commissioner for neighbourhood and enlargement, Olivér Várhelyi, had stated publicly that payments would "immediately" stop following Hamas's bloody attack on Israel over the weekend. Over 1,200 people, including children and the elderly, were killed and over 150 were kidnapped by Hamas from Israeli sites.

Levelling the ground: Buildings destroyed by Israeli air strikes in the Jabalia camp for Palestinian refugees in Gaza City. AFP

Large-scale bombing

In retaliation, Israel began bombing Gaza on a large scale and stopped food, water, medicine and fuel from entering the strip of land, home to 2.3 million Palestinians.

Palestinian authorities reported that 1,055 have died since Saturday in the bombing.

Mr. Borrell said Israel's response to the attack, "like cutting water, cutting electricity and food to a mass of civilians" was against international law. Israel had a right to defend itself against the Hamas attack but its response had to be within the limits of international law, he said.

Several EU countries, including France, Spain, Ireland and Luxembourg had, on Monday, privately or publicly opposed the move to suspend payments to the Palestinian territories, while some others like Austria and Germany had temporarily suspended their bilateral assistance.

Foreign Ministers of EU countries on Tuesday met informally via video link and in Muscat and discussed how they could continue engaging the Palestinian Authority, as per Mr. Borrell, and they drew a clear distinction between Hamas, the Palestinian people, and the Palestinian Authority.

"We consider Hamas a terrorist organisation and what they have done shows – certainly – that they behave like this," Mr. Borrell said in a televised press briefing, as he reiterated that the Palestinian Authority was a partner of the EU.

Mr. Borrell said "collective punishment against all Palestinians will be unfair and unproductive" and "against our interests, and against the interests of the peace". Collective punishment is prohibited under international humanitarian law.

India likely to skip China's BRI summit

Ananth Krishnan

India did not attend the summits in 2017 and 2019, having raised concerns about CPEC project

India is likely to skip China's third summit marking President Xi Jinping's signature Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which, Beijing announced on Wednesday, will be held on October 17 in the Chinese capital.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to attend the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) in Beijing, with the Russian leader also present at the previous two summits in 2017 and 2019. Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe is also likely to attend, Sri Lankan media reported, among several leaders from countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Indonesian President Joko Widodo is also expected, according to reports.

India did not attend the summits in 2017 and 2019, having raised concerns about the BRI, particularly over the flagship China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project which runs through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

As the BRI marks 10 years, China has this week pushed back against criticism of the plan, particularly with regard to projects leaving countries with debt. Beijing, at the same time, appears to be rethinking how it goes forward with the BRI, and scaling back on investments. Reports last week, citing the minutes of a meeting between China and Pakistan, said Beijing had turned down requests for new projects there reportedly due to security concerns in Pakistan, which have not abated more than a decade into CPEC.

Li Kexin, Director-General of the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Department of International Economic Affairs, told reporters on Tuesday that representatives from over 130 countries had already confirmed attendance at the BRF, which will open with a speech by President Xi.

The total investment in the plan had reached $380 billion between 2013 and 2022, according to figures released this week by China's Ministry of Commerce.

Sri Lankan media reported further investments into the Colombo Port City project may be announced next week during Mr. Wickremesinghe's visit.

Last month, Nepal agreed to take forward cross-border connectivity projects with China during the visit of Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' to Beijing. Both sides "agreed to strengthen connectivity in such areas as ports, roads, railways, airways and grids in an orderly manner" and "jointly build the Trans-Himalayan Multi-Dimensional Connectivity Network", as the cross-border plan under the BRI is called.

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No. DMG-17012/1/2023/2023-24 Date: 09.10.2023
C No : 1028274

NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Limestone Mineral Block

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, the Government of Karnataka is conducting **"Second Attempt"** of 1 limestone block/mine for grant of Mining Lease through auction and hereby invites tenders through electronic auction.

Limestone Mine for grant of Mining Lease through auction

Sl. No.	Name of the block	District	Mineral	Concession Area (in Ha.)	Estimated Resources (in MMT)	Tender fee
1.	Yadwad Limestone Mine	Belagavi	Limestone	54.156	18.47	INR 5,00,000/- + 18% GST

Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed blocks are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka.
Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd **http://www. mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp).**
Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the block shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited **(http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp).** For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the block specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd as per fees mentioned in the table for each block.
The GST at the rate of 18% on the purchase of tender document shall be applicable. The GST applicable is to be paid by the prospective bidder itself under the **Reverse Charge Mechanism.** The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible for remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be responsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the DMG Karnataka /MSTC.
The sale of tender document shall commence from **10th October 2023.** Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is **10th November 2023**. Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is **17th November 2023** (up to 17:00 hours IST). Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka by **17:00** hours IST on **17th November 2023.**

DIPR/CP/1655/Zen/2023-24
Sd/-
Director

आई सी एम आर-राष्ट्रीय पारम्परिक चिकित्साविज्ञान संस्थान
ICMR - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE
Nehru Nagar, National Highway No. 4, BELAGAVI - 590 010. Tel: 0831- 2475477.

Ref. No.: ICMR-NITM/FF/LabTender Date: 01-10-2023

TENDER NOTICE

The Director, ICMR-NITM invites GeM tenders from reputed Contractors/Agencies for **Procurement of Laboratory Furniture at ICMR-NITM,** Belagavi.The tender notice along with detailed terms & conditions is available on the official website **www.icmrnitm.res.in & GeM Portal**, which may be downloaded free of cost for use of interested bidders. The details are given below:

Sl. No.	NIT No. & Date	Name of the Work
01	GEM/2023/B/3944321 dated 01-10-2023	Procurement of Laboratory furniture
GeM tender Time Table		
01	Period of Downloading of bid documents	21 days (01-10-2023 to 23-10-2023)
02	Last date of Submission	23-10-2023 @ 13:00 Hrs.
03	Bid Opening date	23-10-2023 @ 13:30 Hrs.

The direct GeM link for the procurement of Laboratory Furniture at ICMR-NITM Campus is as follows: **https://bidplus.gem.gov.in/showbidDocument/5306998.**The Director, ICMR-NITM reserves the right to cancel the Tender at any time without assigning any reasons.

Director, ICMR-NITM

एनएमडीसी NMDC
NMDC Ltd.
(A Govt. Of India Enterprise) (ISO 9001 Company)
Bailadila Iron Ore Mines, Bacheli Complex
Bacheli, Distt. – South Bastar (Dantewada), CG – 494553
Phone No.: 07857-230210, Mob.: 8085559082
//e-Tender Notice //

BIOM/BC/Contracts/Publication/2023-24/076/ Date : 13.10.2023

Bailadila Iron Ore Mines, Bacheli Complex, NMDC Ltd. invites e-bids for the following works. Intending tenderers may visit and download Tender Documents from CPP Portal or www.nmdc.co.in or http://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/. Any corrigendum/addedum to be issued, the bidder must visit the online protal from time to time to notice the same. Corrigendum/addedum will not be published in any newspaper.The offer has to be submitted online at the given MSTC portal only till 03:30 PM and will be opened on 04:00 PM on respective last dates.

	MSTC Ref. No. NMDC/ Bacheli/ 23-24/ET/	NMDC Tender. No. BIOM/BC/ CONTRACTS /OTE(76) /23-24/	Short Description of Work	EMD (Rs.)	Last Date of Sub'n
1	190/475	C-312	Miscellaneous Civil works at ERS, Substation, EFS stores and Mechanical Services at Deposit No. 05, BIOM Bacheli Complex.	43,100/-	13.11.2023
2	191/476	C-310	Rehabilitation of RCC framed structure of Crushing Plant, Dep-5 at Bacheli Complex (Phase-V)	1,06,800/-	13.11.2023
3	192/477	C-311	Repair and Rehabilitation of tunnel for conveyor 29 at Downhill, Bacheli Complex (Phase-V)	38,200/-	14.11.2023
4	194/479	C-273	De-silting of Slime/Iron ore from Tailing dam no. 1 (TD-1) of Bacheli Complex for the year 2023-24 (Phase-II)	1,00,300/-	14.11.2023
5	195/480	E-026	AMC of CCTV Cameras Installed at KV Primary School, KV secondary school, DAV school, Training Institute, Guest House and Auto Workshop at Bacheli Complex	15,000/-	16.11.2023
6	201/486	PE-012	Repair, replacement and rewinding of 2 X 400 KW S.I. Motors at CP-10/11A	46,105/-	16.11.2023
7	202/487	C-305	Development of Area and Construction of Car Parking shed in Bacheli Township	53,600/-	17.11.2023
8	203/488	E-025	Re-Electrification of Mining Office and Machine Shop at Dep-5	18,017/-	17.11.2023
9	204/489	SER-007	Chemcial Foam washing of HEM Equipment	77,900/-	18.11.2023
10	205/490	C-253	Rehabiliation of old RCC Frames structures of Thickner Tank No. 2 of SP-5, BIOM Bacheli Complex (Phase-II)	1,92,300/-	19.11.2023
11	206/491	C-307	Repair of Conveyor 24 tail end roof structure and Protection wall at both end of tunnel situated under PSP Deposit-5	29,700/-	19.11.2023
12	207/492	C-285	Construction of Electrical Store at Crushing Plant, Dep-5 Bacheli Complex	1,14,500/-	19.11.2023
13	208/493	C-271	Construction of 3 nos. RCC framed structure rooms for installation of Ultra Filteration Plant at 3 different locations of Bacheli Township	58,100/-	20.11.2023
14	209/494	PE-011	AMC of Mitsubishi PLC system at OCSL Plant Dep-10/11A with 01 Resident Engineer for 03 Years	34,176/-	20.11.2023
15	210/495	L-007	Maintenance of Railway Track Lines in Dep-05 and Dep-10&11A belongs to NMDC Ltd, Bacheli at Loading Plant	1,41,400	21.11.2023

HOD (M&S and Contracts)
BIOM Bacheli Complex

INBRIEF

ALL unveils ecomet Star 1915 truck for long haulage

Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) has introduced the ecomet Star 1915 truck with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 18.49 tonne in the Intermediate Commercial Vehicle segment. The new truck is tailored for long-distance haulage and will address the logistical demands of customers in applications such as e-commerce, parcel delivery, transportation of fresh produce, auto parts and FMCG, among others, the commercial vehicle manufacturer said in a statement.

Govt. sets lithium mining royalty at 3% of LME prices

The Centre set royalty rates for the mining of three critical minerals, including lithium, that are key to its clean energy ambitions. The royalty rates for lithium extraction by mining firms will be fixed at 3% of prices prevailing on the London Metal Exchange (LME), the government said. The government also set the royalty for niobium mining at 3% of the average sale price, and for rare earth elements at 1% of the average sale price of rare earth oxide. REUTERS

Bharti Life Ventures to buy out partner AXA's stake in JV

Bharti Life Ventures, a unit of Bharti Enterprises, will buy out the 49% stake French insurer AXA held in their joint venture Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company, the group said, gaining sole control of the firm it had been running with AXA since 2006. The Indian conglomerate did not disclose details of the deal. Bharti and AXA did not immediately respond to Reuters' request for comment. Bharti also said it was engaging with other strategic and financial investors to partner with, or combine, to scale the business. REUTERS

TCS Q2 net profit rises 8.7%, firm says headwinds remain

India's top IT company and Tata group firm cites healthy addition to order book; announces ₹1,700-crore share buyback at ₹4,150 per share, declares ₹9 dividend

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) said consolidated net profit grew 8.7% to ₹11,342 crore for the quarter ended September 30, in the backdrop of continued headwinds leading to softening of demand for technology services.

Revenue rose 7.9% to ₹59,692 crore from a year earlier. While Constant Currency revenue growth was 2.8%, operating margin expanded 0.3 percentage points to 24.3%.

The company also announced a share buyback valued at ₹1,700 crore at ₹4,150 apiece. The board also announced a dividend of ₹9 per share.

In the quarter, hiring did not witness momentum considering large-scale recruitment had taken place over the last 18 months. The hiring count amounted to less than the number of people who left the company during the quarter. The firm said the attrition rate was at 14.9%, but did not provide any outlook for future hiring.

"Strong deal momentum delivered [for] us a very large order book in Q2 – our second highest TCV [total contract value] ever in a quarter, and good pipeline," said K. Krithivasan, CEO and MD.

Asked if headwinds continued in the quarter, he said, "It is obvious, because of the uncertainties, clients are focused on optimisation which results in older projects getting optimised... some of them getting paused or reprioritised, resulting in muted or moderated premium."

Going slow

Clients tend to pause/reprioritise projects due to uncertainty, says TCS. But it points out Q2 deal momentum was strong

- Hiring did not pick up in Q2
- Attrition rate close to 15%
- Firm saw second highest total contract value in new orders for a quarter

BoB to raise ₹10,000 cr. to fund affordable housing, infra

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Bank of Baroda's (BoB) board has approved a proposal to raise up to ₹10,000 crore to fund infrastructure and affordable housing projects.

The approval is for raising long-term bonds to finance infrastructure and affordable housing aggregating to a total size of up to ₹10,000 crore, in single or multiple tranches during 2023-24 and beyond, if found expedient, BoB said in a filing.

The RBI on Tuesday barred BoB from onboarding new customers on its mobile app 'bob World' following material supervisory concerns.

SEBI said to probe Adani-Gulf Asia ties

Reuters

India's market regulator is investigating the relationship between the Adani Group and a fund incorporated in the British Virgin Islands to see if there has been a violation of share-ownership rules, two sources with direct knowledge of the matter said.

The fund is called Gulf Asia Trade & Investment, the sources said. It is owned by Dubai businessman Nasser Ali Shaban Ahli, according to checks of its website last month, although the site has since been pulled down.

The fund has invested in many listed Adani firms, as per the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and data that the investigative journalist group provided to Reuters.

SEBI and Gulf Asia did not offer comment.

'Deeper bond markets key to finance energy transition'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

HDFC Bank chairman Atanu Chakraborty on Wednesday called for deepening bond markets to facilitate efficient financing of India's energy transition goals, warning that resorting to bank finance for long gestation projects would lead to the sort of disasters the country saw in the first decade of the 2000s.

"I see just a beginning of [reforms in financing and bond markets] with the Indian government securities becoming a part of global indices. However, a lot needs to be done downstream for corporate bonds, developing a deeper market so that investors can really invest in them and get out of them," Mr. Chakraborty said.

Atanu Chakraborty

"Only then really the financing of these kind of long-term projects will happen. Otherwise, with very short-term finances that banks have, we can only have disasters like we saw in the first decade of this millennium," the HDFC Bank chief said, while noting that more investors in corporate bond markets will also reduce the volatility in such bonds' yields.

He also underlined the need to understand risks associated with new energy sources that are often papered over in the green transition narrative.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,473	0.60
US Dollar	83.18	0.07
Gold	58,700	0.17
Brent oil	85.99	-1.59

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2488.60	-9.70
Adani Ports	814.85	-4.65
Apollo Hosp	5092.85	26.15
Asian Paints	3163.90	12.40
Axis Bank	1019.10	6.85
Bajaj Auto	5064.40	26.90
Bajaj Finserv	1636.55	3.45
Bajaj Finance	8101.95	18.35
Bharti Airtel	955.60	7.25
BPCL	342.55	2.15
Britannia Ind	4554.95	25.00
Cipla	1171.95	16.90
Coal India	301.85	-1.40
Divis Lab	3750.55	36.90
Dr Reddys Lab	5567.60	89.05
Eicher Motors	3486.60	27.85
Grasim Ind	1980.10	61.20
HCL Tech	1245.60	-16.20
HDFC Bank	1539.60	14.75
HDFC Life	621.50	0.25
Hero MotoCorp	3100.85	124.05
Hindalco	483.90	3.25
Hind Unilever	2556.40	40.20
ICICI Bank	953.10	1.90
IndusInd Bank	1421.20	0.65
Infosys	1494.40	-0.75
ITC	448.25	3.85
JSW Steel	777.25	5.35
Kotak Bank	1771.40	15.30
L&T	3088.70	12.70
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5244.45	-21.90
M&M	1556.30	18.45
Maruti Suzuki	10412.10	37.10
NestleIndia	23202.05	234.00
NTPC	238.70	2.80
ONGC	183.25	-0.25
PowerGrid Corp	198.50	0.55
Reliance Ind	2345.05	36.65
SBI Life	1309.35	7.30
State Bank	588.35	-3.30
Sun Pharma	1128.75	2.25
TataConsumerProduct	888.40	-0.35
Tata Motors	634.00	3.45
Tata Steel	124.95	-0.35
TCS	3609.90	-19.00
Tech Mahindra	1231.60	3.85
Titan	3280.50	11.30
UltraTech Cement	8343.00	184.70
UPL	627.75	5.95
Wipro	421.15	13.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.05	83.37
Euro	88.00	88.35
British Pound	101.88	102.28
Japanese Yen (100)	55.76	55.97
Chinese Yuan	11.38	11.43
Swiss Franc	91.74	92.11
Singapore Dollar	60.83	61.07
Canadian Dollar	61.06	61.30
Malaysian Ringitt	17.56	17.64
Australian Dollar	53.23	53.45

Source:Indian Bank

Supply issues hinder delivery: Merc India

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Santosh Iyer

Supply chain disruptions are continuing to impact production of vehicles and delivery to customers said Mercedes-Benz India managing director and CEO Santosh Iyer on Wednesday.

"Supply-chain bottleneck[s] constrained the availability of key SUVs such as the GLA, GLC, and GLS [during the nine-month period]," he said while announcing sales numbers of the automaker for January-September in Mumbai.

Due to this, the average waiting period for the company's products has risen and is now between three and four months. For luxury Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs), the wait is even longer.

Mercedes-Benz said it continued its sales momentum in the January-September period and delivered 12,768 new cars, up 11% as compared with the same period last year. Cars and SUVs priced ₹1.5 crore and upwards registered a growth of 22%.

'Kotak bank to focus on SMEs in the South'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Paritosh Kashyap

Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. will focus on the SME and mid-market segments in the South by adding two-three markets every year in the region to drive wholesale banking group (WBG) growth, said Paritosh Kashyap, president and head, Wholesale Bank.

"We are focusing on SME and mid-market segments as it is driven by the sector's potential for strong growth, government incentives and economic activity," he said.

He said the SME and mid-market segment contributed 27% to its total WBG book. The segment posted y-o-y growth of 25% in Chennai and South India as of August, compared with the 12% overall growth in the segment.

The asset quality of firms in the SME and mid-segment has been the best in the last few decades, he said, adding everyone wanted a larger share of the pie, which is expected to contribute $2-3 trillion to the Indian economy in the next couple of years.

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identity Number: U410PB2010SGC33813/
Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number 96461-07151)

Tender Inquiry no. 612/GHTP/EMC/SSMC-43/Vol-15 **Dated:10/10/2023**

Superintending Engineer/Electrical Maintenance Circle, Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for Breakdown, Periodical, Preventive and Shut down maintenance of 220 KV Switchyard, 66 KV Switchyard, 66 KV substation, all Transformers and allied equipment like superstructures, cables etc. of GHTP Stage-I & II and operation & maintenance of Transformer Oil filtration sets under Substation Maintenance Cell. GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, District: Bathinda, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year on lump-sum basis. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 16.10.2023 from 11:00 am onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

GHTP- 81/23 **76155/12/2272/2023/28728**

COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED
CIAL/COMMN/SHW/67 12.10.2023

TENDER NOTICE

Online Item rate E-tenders are invited from reputed agencies for the work mentioned below at Cochin International Airport.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimate Amount	EMD	Completion Period
1.	AMC for Computers and Peripherals	Rs. 1.70/- Crores +GST	Rs.10 Lakhs	4 weeks

Interested firms may register themselves on the online E-Tendering portal **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** and then download the Tender documents. For eligibility criteria and other details, visit our website **www.cial.aero**.

Sd/- Managing Director

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in

Tender Inquiry. No. 07/Dy. CE-East/LDH/2023-24 **dated: 10/10/2023**

Chief Engineer/Op, Central Zone, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites e-tender for Providing Single Window Customer Services to PSPCL customers by Operating and Maintaining a Customer Services Call Center (CSCC), Ludhiana, Fault Control Centers (FCCs) & Customer Relationship Centers (CRCs) located at different PSPCL Offices in Punjab, by the deployment of operational manpower. For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 12/10/2023, 12:00 Hrs onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

C-722/23 **76155/12/2271/2023/28718**

TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Kagithapuram - 639 136. Karur Dist.
Tamil Nadu. Ph.: 04324-277001 (10 Lines)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
232413 004431	Procurement of Felts (Pickup, Bottom and Top) for PM #1 use	27.10.2023
232413 004426	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Rooftop solar power plant in TNPL Unit - I and Unit - II	27.10.2023
232413 004567	Design, Manufacture, Supply & Supervision of installation and Commissioning of Quality Control System (QCS) for PM#1 in TNPL Unit - I	02.11.2023
232433 000268	Procurement of Clay	26.10.2023
Email	232413004431 - purchase.imp@tnpl.co.in 232413004426 - pmd1@tnpl.co.in 232413004567 - pmd6@tnpl.co.in 232433000268 - purchase.lsfm@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. TNPL will follow two bid system and E-Tender cum auction. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/5547/Tender/2023 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
TENDER CALL NOTICE NO. EM/WS-36/2023
File No.EM/WS/TECH-07/2023/1433
Date : 05.10.2023

Name of the work : " Grant of license for a period of 05 years, for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of 05 nos. 100 Ton Capacity HMC's up to 10 years old from the date of 1st commissioning". Last Date & time of submission of bid : 15/11/2023, up to 1800 Hrs. Refer our website for details : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.

Executive Engineer (M), Workshop Division-I, PPA

PPA/PR/53/2023-2024, Dt.11/10/23

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

e-TENDER NOTICE No: SC2/41113/2023, Date: 10.10.2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department, 487, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035 invites tender for the Off-Grid Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Systems (SPWPS) as detailed below as per the terms and conditions and detailed specification listed in the tender document.

Tender No.	Tender for the supply of	EMD (Rs. in lakh)
AED/SC2/41113/2023	Rate Contract Tender Document for Selection of Vendors for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Transport, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Off-Grid Standalone Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Systems (SPWPS) upto 15 hp capacities in Tamil Nadu, including complete system warranty and its repair and maintenance for 5 Years of 2000 Nos. of Solar powered pumping systems at various places in Tamil Nadu.	8.40

The tender documents with detailed specifications and price bid format are available in **www.tntenders.gov.in** as per schedule below. Tender documents and Price Bid Format can be downloaded, filled and shall be uploaded online through Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge from the site **www.tntenders.gov.in** at free of cost.

Pre Bid Meeting	26.10.2023, 11.30 A.M.
e-Tender Publishing Date and Time	12.10.2023, 10.00 A.M.
Tender document download - Start Date and Time	12.10.2023, 10.00 A.M.
Bid submission - Start Date and Time	12.10.2023, 03.00 P.M.
Bid submission - Closing Date and Time	14.11.2023, 03.00 P.M.
Bid opening Date and Time	15.11.2023, 03.00 P.M.

The e-Tenders will be opened online through **www.tntenders.gov.in** on the date and time mentioned above at the office of the Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department, Nandanam, Chennai.

DIPR/5517/Tender/2023 **Chief Engineer (AE)**

Office of the Electricity Department
THRISSUR CORPORATION
THRISSUR
TCED/RDSS-2405/22 Dated : 10.10.2023
e-Tender Notice
"New 110/11 KV Substation Work"
log on to :
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Last Date : 01.11.2023
(Sd/-) Assistant Secretary

Foreign firms' bank accounts need no PAN in GIFT City

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Non-residents and foreign companies opening bank accounts in IFSC Gift City will not have to furnish PAN and can instead file a declaration.

The non-resident or the foreign company opening a bank account at the International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) will have to file a declaration in Form 60 and should not have any tax liabilities in India.

The Finance Ministry has amended Income Tax Rules exempting non-residents opening a bank account from the requirement of submitting PAN.

MTR Foods will now be Orkla India

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

MTR Foods, which owns the popular spices and curry powder brands MTR and Eastern, has been renamed Orkla India on Wednesday, said its owner, Orkla ASA, a Norwegian industrial investment firm.

Orkla also announced the restructuring of MTR's operations into three units: MTR, Eastern, and International Business (IB). Each of these units will have its own independent CEO reporting to Sanjay Sharma, CEO, MTR, who has now been appointed as the CEO, Orkla India.

Orkla India would now have a wider portfolio featuring products from MTR and Eastern, as well as an increased exports focus. However, both the brands would maintain their independent identities while benefiting from the synergies that this reorganisation brings, the company said.

Atle Vidar Nagel Johansen, chairman, Orkla India said, "The newly formed business units will play a pivotal role in fortifying Orkla's overall portfolio."

Texmo buys Germany's Feinguss Blank

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Texmo Precision Castings has acquired 75.1 % stake in Feinguss Blank, a German company with plants in Germany and Romania, for an undisclosed amount.

"Following the acquisition, the company will trade as Texmo Blank. It will cater to customers in sectors such as industries and healthcare," said Arjunan Ramachandran, MD, Texmo Precision Castings.

"Texmo Blank will register $120 million revenue in FY24." It will make steel, stainless steel, cobalt, nickel alloy and aluminium precision castings.

THE KING

Arguably the best ODI player of all time: Smith on Kohli

In a recent video shared on ICC's official Instagram account, several players and India head coach Rahul Dravid hailed Virat Kohli. "Arguably the best one-day player of all time," Smith said. "Virat's a legend of the game especially in the ODI format, he has set a benchmark for the players of his generation," Dravid said.

FINE, BUT...

Gill reaches Ahmedabad, remains doubtful for India-Pakistan game

India opener Shubman Gill, who is recovering from dengue, reached Ahmedabad on Wednesday but remains a doubtful starter for the World Cup clash against Pakistan on Saturday. "Gill is doing absolutely fine but it is not sure if he will play against Pakistan," said a BCCI source on condition of anonymity.

HOSPITALITY

I had fun with Hyderabad crowd, felt like playing in Pindi: Rizwan

Mohammed Rizwan said he will fondly remember the Hyderabad curator in his prayers. "The curator had said, 'Rizwan, you must hit two 100s on this ground'. We can pray for him and you should pray for him too," Rizwan said. "I felt like I was playing a match in Pindi and I had a lot of fun with the cricket-loving Hyderabad crowd."

OFF TO AHMEDABAD

Travelling to India for Indo-Pak match: PCB chief Zaka Ashraf

PCB chief Zaka Ashraf will reach Ahmedabad on Thursday to watch Pakistan's World Cup clash against India on Saturday. "I have delayed my trip to India. I am travelling tomorrow after receiving confirmation that Pakistan's journalists have been asked to submit their passports to obtain visas to cover the event," Ashraf said.

Rohit's swashbuckling century makes easy work of Afghanistan

Men in Blue chase down the Afghan outfit's 272, with 15 overs to spare, on the back of the skipper's 84-ball 131; Kishan, Kohli prove ideal foil; Bumrah shines with a four-wicket haul; Shahidi and Azmatullah score half-centuries

ODI WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
NEW DELHI

Rohit Sharma's incandescent shots lit up the Delhi skies as India cantered to an eight-wicket victory over Afghanistan in the World Cup match at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here on Wednesday.

The skipper's 131 (84b, 16x4, 5x6) was the foundation from which the Men in Blue leapt past Afghanistan's 272 for eight as India finished with 273 for two in 35 overs.

India sped away from the starting blocks as Rohit unfurled his full bouquet of strokes while Ishan Kishan played second-fiddle.

A flick for four off Fazalhaq Farooqi whetted Rohit's appetite and then the aesthetic dismantling of the Afghanistan attack commenced.

Mujeeb Ur Rahman was pulled and the six-four duopoly was unveiled against Naveen-ul-Haq, Farooqi and Azmatullah Omarzai.

Rohit raced to his 50 off 30 deliveries. Kishan then swept and lofted Mohammad Nabi.

Even when Rashid Khan was introduced, the Indian openers remained comfortable and with that Afghanistan's spin threat was nullified.

Sixes galore: Afghanistan bowlers found no answers once Rohit unfurled his repertoire of shots and hit five maximums. R.V MOORTHY

Gliding to the landmark

A glide for four past third-man off Nabi followed by a single ushered in Rohit's 100 off a mere 63 balls.

The helmet was removed, the head swivelled towards the skies and the upheld bat acknowledged the cheers of his teammates and the fans.

The skipper and his ally posted 156 runs for the first wicket when Kishan spooned a catch off Rashid.

The crowd paused a bit and then shredded its vocal chords cheering for home boy Virat Kohli, who was all ease, the stylish four and the rapid single at the crease. Even after Rohit fell on the slog sweep to Rashid, getting castled, there was no stopping India's victory march with Virat (55 n.o.) and Shreyas Iyer cruising smooth.

Earlier in the afternoon, Afghanistan skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi won the toss and elected to bat. Openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran seemed at ease and it helped that Mohammed Siraj's radar was a bit awry. Ibrahim drove and flick-edx, and Gurbaz cover drove with elan.

The batter then slashed Jasprit Bumrah for four but the speedster had his vengeance, inducing an edge.

Freeing his arms

When Hardik Pandya and Shardul Thakur bowled, the latter having replaced R. Ashwin in the playing eleven, Gurbaz freed his arms, a punch and a lofted six ensued. The aggrieved bowlers then combined well to dismiss the batter.

Hardik dug in short, Gurbaz hooked, Shardul, stationed at fine-leg, was off-balance but caught the ball, threw it in the air, crossed the rope, leapt back in and caught again. Later Shardul scalped Rahmat Shah.

At 63 for three in 13.1 overs, Afghanistan needed a stabilising partnership while India pressed spin into service through Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja.

Shahidi and Azmatullah farmed the strike before the latter finally broke loose against the tweakers.

When the seamers got back, Shahidi slashed and square-drove while Azmatullah picked the midwicket fence.

The two added 121 for the fourth wicket when Hardik castled Azmatullah (62) and later Kuldeep trapped Shahidi (80).

India wrested the initiative and kept it that way for the rest of the night with Rohit being the brightest star.

SCOREBOARD

AFGHANISTAN

Rahmanullah Gurbaz c Shardul b Hardik 21 *(28b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Ibrahim Zadran c Rahul b Bumrah 22 *(28b, 4x4)*, Rahmat Shah lbw b Shardul 16 *(22b, 3x4)*, Hashmatullah Shahidi lbw b Kuldeep 80 *(88b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Azmatullah Omarzai b Hardik 62 *(69b, 2x4, 4x6)*, Mohammad Nabi lbw b Bumrah 19 *(27b, 1x4)*, Najibullah Zadran c Kohli b Bumrah 2 *(8b)*, Rashid Khan c Kuldeep b Bumrah 16 *(12b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Mujeeb Ur Rahman (not out) 10 *(12b, 2x4)*, Naveen-ul-Haq (not out) 9 *(8b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-2, lb-3, w-8, nb-2): 15; Total (for eight wkts. in 50 overs): 272.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-32 (Ibrahim, 6.4 overs), 2-63 (Rahmanullah, 12.4), 3-63 (Rahmat, 13.1), 4-184 (Omarzai, 34.2), 5-225 (Hashmatullah, 42.4), 6-229 (Najibullah, 44.2), 7-235 (Nabi, 44.6), 8-261 (Rashid, 48.1).

INDIA BOWLING

Bumrah 10-0-39-4, Siraj 9-0-76-0, Hardik 7-0-43-2, Shardul 6-0-31-1, Kuldeep 10-0-40-1, Jadeja 8-0-38-0.

INDIA

Rohit Sharma b Rashid 131 *(84b, 16x4, 5x6)*, Ishan Kishan c Ibrahim b Rashid 47 *(47b, 5x4, 2x6)*, Virat Kohli (not out) 55 *(56b, 6x4)*, Shreyas Iyer (not out) 25 *(23b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (b-1, lb-4, w-10): 15; Total (for two wkts. in 35 overs): 273.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-156 (Kishan, 18.4), 2-205 (Rohit, 25.4).

AFGHANISTAN BOWLING

Farooqi 6-0-50-0, Mujeeb 8-0-64-0, Naveen 5-0-31-0, Omarzai 4-0-34-0, Nabi 4-0-32-0, Rashid 8-0-57-2.

Toss: Afghanistan.
PoM: Rohit.
India won by eight wickets with 15 overs to spare.

Next assignment

INDIA: October 14 vs. **Pakistan,** *Ahmedabad, 2 p.m.*

AFGHANISTAN: October 15 vs. **England,** *Delhi, 2 p.m.*

Piling it on: Rohit's 76 runs in the first PowerPlay is the most by an Indian batter in an ODI innings. R.V. MOORTHY

Dial R for Rohit and records!

Lalith Kalidas
CHENNAI

A look at the records notched up by Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli during India's massive win on Wednesday:

Rohit's third six of the innings helped him surpass Chris Gayle's record of 553 sixes, scored in 551 innings, across formats. The Indian skipper now has 556 maximums in 473 innings.

Rohit's 63-ball hundred is the fastest World Cup hundred by an Indian, bettering Virender Sehwag's 81-ball ton against Bermuda in 2007.

Rohit broke the tie with Sachin Tendulkar for most World Cup hundreds with his seventh ton in just 19 innings across three editions.

Rohit equalled David Warner to become the joint-fastest batter to 1000 ODI World Cup runs in 19 innings. Rohit is the fourth Indian to score 1000 World Cup runs after Sachin, Sourav Ganguly and Virat Kohli.

Rohit went past 50 international sixes in a calendar year for a record fourth time (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2023*), surpassing Gayle's mark of three such instances (2009, 2012 and 2019).

Rohit's 76 runs in the first PowerPlay is the most by an Indian batter in an ODI innings. The previous best was 70 by Robin Uthappa against West Indies in 2007.

Rohit's 131 is the highest by an Indian in a World Cup chase surpassing Sachin's unbeaten 127 against Kenya in 1996.

With 2311 in 53 innings, Kohli has broken Sachin Tendulkar's record fo most runs in ICC World Cups (ODIs and T20Is). Sachin, who only featured in 50-over World Cups, amassed 2278 runs from 45 innings.

Kohli's 46th half-century helped him best Sachin Tendulkar's record of 45 fifty-plus scores in successful ODI run-chases.

Kohli and Naveen. PTI

We decided to forget the IPL episode, says Naveen

Dhruva Prasad
NEW DELHI

Even as Rohit Sharma set the Arun Jaitley Stadium alight with a scorching hundred against Afghanistan, his dismissal, in the 26th over of India's chase, helped douse a fire.

Virat Kohli and Naveen-ul-Haq exchanged a handshake, a friendly one this time, after Rohit was bowled by Rashid Khan.

"He is a nice guy and a good player. We shook hands and decided to forget whatever happened in the IPL... There was nothing outside the ground. People made it big on media for followers. We are done with that thing," Naveen said after the match.

Naveen was greeted with chants of "Kohli, Kohli" when he came out to bat and similar chants echoed across the stadium when he bowled to the local boy.

At just 24, Naveen has decided to retire from ODIs after the World Cup and the pacer said the future of the format was bleak as far as bowlers were concerned.

When asked about what the plan was when Rohit was running away with the game, Naveen didn't mince words.

"When a batter is playing like that you can't do much, just hope he miscues a shot," he said.

I look at the conditions and bowl accordingly: Bumrah

Personal touch: Bumrah is excited about India's next match in Ahmedabad, where he will meet his mother. R.V. MOORTHY

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
NEW DELHI

His words are as rapid and to the point as his deliveries. Having grabbed four wickets to restrict Afghanistan before India dominated the chase in the World Cup fixture here on Wednesday, Jasprit Bumrah downplayed his spells and sought refuge in following the process.

"I look at the conditions and bowl accordingly. Today we felt that the ball was coming along nicely to the bat and we tried to bowl harder lengths. There was some swing initially and then there was nothing much," Bumrah said. "I just follow the process," he stressed.

The spearhead was as surprised as the fans with the rapidity in which India surpassed the target but he was clear that no discussions on net-run-rate happened in the dressing room. "Rohit (Sharma) finished it fast and it was a surprise. There was no discussion of NRR in the dressing room at all," Bumrah mentioned.

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Having dealt with the Afghanistan game, all eyes are on the next one against Pakistan at his hometown Ahmedabad and Bumrah while being excited added a personal touch to it: "I will meet my mother and that is very important for me. Yes I have played a Test in Ahmedabad but not an ODI and I am sure it will be exciting."

Asked about player match-ups specific to the Pakistan game, Bumrah deadpanned: "They have bowlers and batsmen and we too have bowlers and batsmen."

And as for his own self-appraisal after coming back from injury, he quipped: "I just do it one spell at a time. I am detached from the outside world and don't know what is being discussed."

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
New Zealand	2	2	0	4	1.958
India	2	2	0	4	1.500
Pakistan	2	2	0	4	0.927
South Africa	1	1	0	2	2.040
England	2	1	1	2	0.553
Bangladesh	2	1	1	2	-0.653
Australia	1	0	1	0	-0.883
Sri Lanka	2	0	2	0	-1.161
Netherlands	2	0	2	0	-1.800
Afghanistan	2	0	2	0	-1.907

Eye on the ball

Gotcha! Kuldeep took a stupendous catch in the deep to dismiss Rashid at the fag end of the Afghanistan innings. R.V MOORTHY

Australia, South Africa in battle of heavyweights

Bowlers and conditions likely to play a role in determining the outcome of the contest as there is little to choose between the two sides; Cummins' side needs a win to get its campaign going

ODI WORLD CUP

Dhruva Prasad

The most enduring memories of ODIs between Australia and South Africa invoke the shock of seeing Allan Donald inexplicably rooted at the non-striker's end in a tied World Cup semifinal in 1999 and the thrill of a Protean pursuit of a record 435 in 2006 at Johannesburg in a match that gave 50-over cricket its first taste of 400-plus totals.

Between these events and beyond, South Africa has reinforced its 'choker' tag while Australia has added four World Cup titles.

But with the winds of change blowing across cricketing meadows and knocking down cherished ideals and dogmas, South Africa is showing signs of shedding that tag and injecting life into the one-dayers.

It amassed the biggest total in World Cup history in the campaign opener against Sri Lanka last week.

Trump cards: Skipper Cummins and spearhead Starc will have their task cut out while South Africa's Maharaj will look to exploit Australia's weakness against spin. SANDEEP SAXENA

Australia has also kept pace with the evolving tempo of one-day cricket and has a top-six, led by David Warner and Mitchell Marsh, capable of the big hits and manoeuvring the field with aplomb.

The two recently squared off in a five-match series, which saw them score at over 6.5 runs an over, that exemplified their approach and if anything could put paid to their intentions on Thursday, it will be the conditions at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow. The last match held here saw India drag itself to a 100-run target in 19.4 overs on a sluggish track, prompting the removal of the curator.

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South Africa has been running against its grain of late and has an unsettled pace attack in the absence of tearaway speedster Anrich Nortje.

The Proteas' spin stocks, just like an Ashton Agar-less Australia, also lacks bite.

Onus on bowlers

Australia and South Africa have the worst death overs economy rate among teams in the tournament this year, and how their bowlers fare in this phase against a pantheon of hard-hitters could determine the contest.

Hoping for turnaround: Zampa needs to pull his weight after a poor show against India. SANDEEP SAXENA

Stoinis fit again, available for selection: Cummins

Sports Bureau

Australia skipper Pat Cummins revealed that a fit-again Marcus Stoinis was available for selection and that the team was looking at him 'pretty closely' ahead of its World Cup match against South Africa at the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Stadium in Lucknow on Thursday.

"He's fit. We'll announce a team tomorrow but it's a ground he knows pretty well. I think chatting to him and a couple of other guys, it's probably in a bit of a different condition to what it is for IPL. The wicket looks really good, so yeah, he's someone we'll look at pretty closely," Cummins said.

Stoinis plays for IPL franchise Lucknow Super Giants and could have a feel for the conditions at the venue, which have been challenging for batters but could change after the pitch underwent renovation.

Australia is coming off a six-wicket defeat against India in Chennai in its campaign opener and Cummins said both the batting and bowling units will need to step up in the middle-overs.

Spinners ineffective

While the Aussies lost six wickets for 113 runs between overs 11 and 40, the spinners were ineffective and allowed Virat Kohli and K.L. Rahul to take the game away.

Cummins termed the rivalry against South Africa as "a clash of two very similar teams" because of the quality of pacers and batters who "take the game on".

Australia is carrying opener Travis Head, who fractured his hand ahead of the tournament, and Cummins said that the left-hander was set to undergo scans on Thursday and that an update on his availability could be expected in a couple of days.

Today's match

Australia vs. South Africa

Lucknow, 2 p.m.

H2H IN ODIs

Played 108

Australia	South Africa	Tied	NR
50	54	3	1

EYE ON THE SKY

High: 35°C
Low: 22°C
Fog/mist in the morning and mainly clear later
SOURCE: IMD

ODIs have been tiring for me for a couple of years: de Kock

Sports Bureau

South Africa's Quinton de Kock, who announced in September his decision to retire from ODIs after the World Cup, said that he felt the format was "quite tiring" for the last couple of years.

"I'm sure a lot of guys love the format. I'm not going to speak on behalf of everyone.

"For myself, it's been doing it for a couple of years now, so I find it quite tiring," he said on the eve of South Africa's match against Australia in Lucknow.

At a time when the one-day format finds itself at a crossroads, de Kock believes ODIs will need to find a suitable place and time to continue being relevant.

Good start

The opener began his ODI swansong in style, smashing his maiden World Cup hundred against Sri Lanka in Delhi last week, in what was his 18th appearance at the showpiece event.

"I think I've been wanting a 100 for a while. Just for myself, I think it's been a while.

Huge boost

" I've been getting off to a lot of starts and then not capitalising and just to get one to my name was pretty nice," de Kock said.

Rassie van der Dussen and Aiden Markram also got hundreds as South Africa piled up the highest total in World Cup history, and de Kock said that starting the campaign in such an emphatic fashion was a huge boost for the team's confidence.

But he also added that South Africa would need to be a bit more consistent going ahead.

De Kock. FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

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Williamson progressing well: NZ bowling coach

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

New Zealand bowling coach Shane Jurgensen was pleased with skipper Kane Williamson's progress ahead of the team's match against Bangladesh on Friday.

Williamson, who is recovering from an ACL knee injury, missed the first two games of the World Cup – against England and The Netherlands – as he wasn't match ready.

On Wednesday, the 33-year-old batted for nearly an hour in the nets at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium. Williamson started by taking some throwdowns before having a session facing pacers Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry and James Neesham, and the spinners.

"He is coming along nicely and is taking full training today, and he keeps improving and progressing every day," said Jurgensen.

"He is putting himself in a situation to be able to play, but we still got another day. We are excited about that but we need to see how he goes over in the next 24 hours... (he will) probably have another batting stint and a fielding session on Thursday," he added.

"Kane is hitting the ball beautifully and has for a little while now. So, for him, in terms of skills (there is) no doubt. He has been a very good player for New Zealand for a long time. Those attributes he is showing again in the nets," said the New Zealand bowling coach.

Right track: Williamson is expected to be match ready soon. R. RAGU

Jurgensen. R. RAGU

Williamson's availability could give the two-time finalist a big boost ahead of matches here against Bangladesh and Afghanistan – teams with quality spinners in their ranks on a surface that aids the tweakers.

Jurgensen knows a thing or two about Bangladesh, having been its head coach.

"Bangladesh has proven to be a challenging team in world tournaments in particular. And we have had some tough games against them in the past, both home and away. So there is no doubt this will be a tough game for us. The progress of their seam attack to support the spinners is something we have watched closely," said the 47-year-old Australian.

"We knew these games were going to be tough. For us, an advantage is that we have many players who have played in the IPL and for Chennai Super Kings.

"We had some good experience playing in the sub-continent leading into the tournament. I think we have given ourselves every opportunity to prepare the best we can," said Jurgensen.

Services' Manikanta eclipses 100m National record with a perfectly run race

H.H. Manikanta. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ATHLETICS

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

H.H. Manikanta broke the men's 100m National record with a fine performance in the 62nd National Open athletics championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Wednesday.

In the semifinal heats round, Manikanta seared past the finish line with a timing of 10.23s, erasing the previous mark set by Amiya Mallick (10.26s) in 2016. Odisha's Mallick, incidentally, was in the heats alongside Manikanta on Wednesday, and finished fourth (10.58s).

Services' Manikanta ran the perfect race, pulling away from the field early before finishing strongly. The 21-year-old stated that the National 100m record was something he always aspired for.

"I felt that I could break the record in this event. However, I thought I would get the timing in the final, not the semifinal," Manikanta told *The Hindu*. Manikanta entered this competition with confidence after a 10.31s run to win the 100m gold in the Services athletics meet earlier this year. He hails from Udupi (Karnataka), and joined the Indian Army in 2020. He serves in the Indian Army as a Sepoy. Manikanta explained that he did not make any changes to his training routine before this event, and that the milestone was simply a product of hard work. "I've been consistently working hard in my training, and I've improved this year," Manikanta said.

Manikanta is coached by T. Aboobacker, who won a silver medal with the 4x400m relay team at the 2006 Asian Games. He will next compete in the final round on Thursday.

In the men's 10,000m, Maharashtra's Dinesh won gold with a timing of 29:10.11s. In the women's 10,000m, Seema (33:26.90s) from Himachal Pradesh took top honours. In the women's hammer throw, All India Police Sports Control Board's Anmol Kaur (60.19m) won gold. Dev Meena (5.05m) of MP won the men's pole vault.

INBRIEF

Bayern defender Upamecano ruled out for several weeks

Bayern Munich defender Dayot Upamecano has been ruled out for several weeks with a left hamstring injury, while teammates Matthijs de Ligt and Serge Gnabry are working on their comebacks. Bayern said on Wednesday that a scan determined the extent of Upamecano's injury and that it puts "him out of action".

LIVE TELECAST

Australia Women vs West Indies Women: 2nd ODI, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5 a.m.

Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

ATP: Shanghai Masters, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 & 4 p.m.

Euro 2024: European Qualifiers: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.15 a.m. (Friday)

'We are aware that players will make a critical analysis of our skills and techniques'

Asian men's doubles gold medallist Satwiksairaj says that his biggest opponent is his body and that he has to stay injury free to keep doing well

BADMINTON

V. V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

"We will be the most studied players now after the Asian Games gold and we are aware of the need to be ready for any fresh challenges," said shuttler R. Satwiksairaj, who with his partner Chirag Shetty, won the Asian Games men's doubles gold last week.

"Not long ago, nobody cared for us. But, we are aware now that players across the world will make a critical analysis of our skills and techniques," Satwik said on his return here on Wednesday.

Bring it on: The Satwik-Chirag pair is ready to tackle upcoming challenges following the gold at Hangzhou. ANI

"Now, I am not thinking about the opponents. The biggest opponent is my body and I have to stay injury free to continue to keep doing well," Satwik said, flanked by chief coach P. Gopi Chand and Asiad men's singles medal winner H.S. Prannoy.

"The intensive training in the air-conditioned indoor hall at Gopi-Kotak Academy here before the Asiad helped us a lot," Satwik said.

"We must say we are here before all of you because of Gopi Sir's efforts," he added.

Collective decision

For his part, Prannoy said it was a collective decision that made him play in the Asian Games despite an injury.

"I played with a lot of pain. It was a very tough call to make. But we all felt it was a life-time opportunity to win a medal in the Asiad and we went ahead," Prannoy said, thanking the support staff.

"Earlier the targets were short, like making it to the quarters and semifinals. Now, it is playing three good matches, making it to the finals is the bigger goal. This is helping me a lot," he said even while thanking the travelling coach R.M.V. Guru Sai Dutt.

Huge risk

Gopi said it was a huge risk taken to play Prannoy but because he was playing so well it was decided to play him in the medal-match (semifinal). "It was an extraordinary performance by Prannoy," he added.

Gopi said overall it had been a great show by India in the Asian Games which was as tough as any Olympics or a World Championship. "I believe that Satwik and Chirag have been playing like World No.1. pair in the last seven months and the ranking released yesterday only confirmed that," he said.

Cyrenius well-prepped to deliver in the Chief Minister's Trophy

MYSURU: Cyrenius, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Chief Minister's Trophy (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Thursday (Oct. 12). False rails (width about 5.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 HOGENAKAL PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Konichiwa (1) S. John 62, 2. Elite Agent (7) Angad 60, 3. Bacchus (6) Antony 59.5, 4. Deemed To Fire (4) M. Rajesh K 59, 5. Natural Fly (3) G. Vivek 59, 6. Enrichment (2) Kiran Rai 54.5 and 7. Russian Romance (5) Shreyas S 52.5.

1. RUSSIAN ROMANCE, 2. BACCHUS, 3. ELITE AGENT

2 BHARACHUKKI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. D Golden Cup (7) Likith Appu 60, 2. Ironic Humour (4) B. Harish 59, 3. Swiss Tigress (8) Prabha K 59, 4. Country's Talent (3) Antony 57, 5. Miss China (10) Abhishek Mhatre 57, 6. Pininfarina (2) K. Rajesh 57, 7. Here I Come (1) Kiran Rai 56.5, 8. Romantic Heart (5) M. Rajesh K 56.5, 9. Top Rank (11) A.K. Aniket 56, 10. Fifty Grand (9) Angad 54 and 11. Raptor (6) Shreyas S 52.5.

1. HERE I COME, 2. SWISS TIGRESS, 3. TOP RANK

3 BHARACHUKKI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), rated 00 to 25, 3-00: 1. Lucky Sun (1) Faiz 61, 2. Squanto (2) Angad 59.5, 3. Many Moons (6) Abhishek Mhatre 59, 4. The Flying Feet (7) H Rahul 59, 5. Desert Romance (5) M. Rajesh K 58.5, 6. City Of Gravitas (10) A.K. Aniket 58, 7. Country's Major (8) Antony 57.5, 8. Ruby Woo (9) R. Pradeep 57.5, 9. D Admiral (3) T. Pavan 56.5 and 10. Fleet Tactical (4) R. Shiva K 55.

1. COUNTRY'S MAJOR, 2. MAY MOONS, 3. THE FLYING FEET

4 GOOL & SOLI POONAWALLA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Sound Of Canon's (4) H. Rahul 61.5, 2. Mountain Lion (7) Noorulla 61, 3. Square The Circle (8) G. Vivek 60.5, 4. D Gold Star (10) S. Brahmmesh 59, 5. D Roman Reigns (9) Jagadeesh 59, 6. Kushaq (12) Srinath 58, 7. Twilight Tornado (6) Antony 58, 8. Stormy Ocean (1) S. Saqlain 57.5, 9. Gilded Butterfly (13) M. Prabhakaran 57, 10. Imperius (3) Shezad Khan 57, 11. Rhythmic (2) Kiran Rai 56, 12. Analect (5) Angad 53 and 13. N R I Plan (11) M. Shahid 51.5.

1. STORMY OCEAN, 2. TWILIGHT TORNADO, 3. KUSHAQ

5 CHIEF MINISTER'S TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 & above, 4-00: 1. Last Wish (6) S. John 62.5, 2. His Eminence (8) Gautam Raj 62, 3. Peyo (9) Salman Khan 59, 4. Wellington (5) Angad 57.5, 5. Cyrenius (3) Neeraj 55.5, 6. Ghyama (12) 55.5, 7. Disruptor (14) A. Ramu 55, 8. Clever Hans (1) G. Vivek 54.5, 9. Jewel Thief (10) B. Harish 53.5, 10. Tarek (7) Madhu Sudhan 53, 11. Kensington Court (2) M. Rajesh K 52, 12. Achook (11) S. Saqlain 51, 13. Ruling Goddess (13) Shreyas S 50 and 14. Spirit Of The Rose (4) Hindu S 50.

1. CYRENIUS, 2. CLEVER HANS, 3. SPIRIT OF THE ROSE

6 BELUR PLATE (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Twinkle Feet (1) A. Ramu 62.5, 2. First Impression (5) Kiran Rai 62, 3. Osiris (9) M. Naveen 61.5, 4. Wencheng (4) R.S. Bhati 61, 5. Chul Bul Rani (7) Tousif 60, 6. Legionary (12) Prabhu K 59, 7. Ochre (6) Abhishek Mhatre 58, 8. Capri Girl (8) R. Pradeep 56.5, 9. Wind Power (10) A. Baandal 56.5, 10. Baltimore (2) Antony 55, 11. D Fire (3) J. Paswan 55 and 12. Jaguar (11) G. Vivek 54.

1. BALTIMORE, 2. JAGUAR, 3. OCHRE

7 MANDYA PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. D Lord (6) S. Qureshi 61.5, 2. Algoze (11) R.S. Bhati 60, 3. Break Away (3) Samundra S 60, 4. Miraculous Girl (4) Gautam Raj 60, 5. March To Victory (2) M. Prabhakaran 59.5, 6. Crimson Fire (5) Shezad Khan 59, 7. Everly (8) M. Rajesh K 58.5, 8. Mystic Divine (7) G. Vivek 58, 9. Arigato (9) Likith Appu 55, 10. O Manchali (12) A.K. Aniket 55, 11. Step Up Girl (10) M. Shahid 55 and 12. Beautiful Oblivian (1) Angad 54.

1. MYSTIC DIVINE, 2. O MANCHALI, 3. ALGOZE

Day's best: **CYRENIUS**

Double: **COUNTRY'S MAJOR – MYSTIC DIVINE**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Mini Jkt: 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Dy. CM Shivakumar inaugurates Dasara CM Cup Games

MYSURU: The Prathibhaneveshana Dasara CM Cup Games 2023 was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in a colourful inaugural function held at Chamundivihar stadium here on Wednesday evening.

Around 3500 sportspersons from Mysuru, Bengaluru (R), Bengaluru (C), Belagavi, and Kalburgi would be seen in action in the games in 27 disciplines. Events will be conducted between Oct. 12 and 14.

Shreya and Bhavika star in Karnataka's facile win

BENGALURU: Shreya S. Chavan (50 n.o.) and H. Bhavika Reddy (44 n.o.) led Karnataka to a 10-wicket win over Odisha in the BCCI U-19 women's one day trophy in Guwahati on Wednesday.

The scores: Odisha 103 in 41.5 overs lost to Karnataka 106 for no loss in 18.4 overs (H. Bhavika Reddy 44 n.o., Shreya S. Chavan 50 n.o.).

Smaran to lead men's u-23 cricket squad

R. Smaran will lead Karnataka in the BCCI men's U-23 State-A one day trophy to be held in Surat from October 28 to November 9.

The team: R. Smaran (Capt.), Kruthik Krishna, Vishal Onat, Rohan A. Patil, Macneil H. Noronha, K.V. Aneesh, Aneeshwar Gautam, L. Manvanth Kumar, Yashovardhan Parantap, Rajvir Wadhwa, Monish Reddy, Mohsin Khan, A.C. Rohit Kumar, Paras Gurbax Arya, Aashish Mahesh.

FC Bengaluru United cruises

FOOTBALL

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Akshunna Tyagi scored a brace as FC Bengaluru United thrashed FC Agniputhra 6-1 in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Wednesday.

The results:
Bangalore Independents FC 1 (A. Mahamed Moinuddin 3) drew with Rebels FC 1 (Bibin Babu 41). FC Bengaluru United 6 (Jaison Jordon Vaz 21, Omega Vanlal Hriate (OG) 42, Akshunna Tyagi 44, 60, Jerry One Semas Pulamate 62, Suraj Hadkonkar 87) bt FC Agniputhra 1 (Lalnunzama 75).

23-member squad for Merdeka Tournament

Press Trust of India
KUALA LUMPUR

India on Wednesday announced a 23-member squad for the Merdeka football tournament to be held in Kuala Lumpur from October 13.

The squad: Goalkeepers: Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Amrinder Singh, Vishal Kaith.
Defenders: Nikhil Poojary, Roshan Singh, Sandesh Jhingan, Anwar Ali, Mehtab Singh, Lalchungnunga, Akash Mishra, Subhasish Bose.
Midfielders: Suresh Singh, Anirudh Thapa, Rohit Kumar, Sahal Abdul Samad, Brandon Fernandes, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Udanta Singh, Mahesh Singh Naorem, Liston Colaco, Nandhakumar Sekar.
Forwards: Sunil Chhetri, Manvir Singh.

Two Indian javelin throwers will be in 90m club: Neeraj

Asian Games stars felicitated by AFI in New Delhi; Sumariwalla says the Indian squad could have won more golds had the team capitalised on the chances at Hangzhou

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

Neeraj Chopra is very close to the 90m mark and with Kishore Kumar Jena also doing very well, the Olympic champion feels there could be two Indians going past that barrier.

"In future, I see two Indian javelin throwers joining the 90m club," said Neeraj during an Athletics Federation of India function to felicitate the Asian Games stars in New Delhi on Wednesday.

India is the winner: Neeraj said it was a healthy rivalry between him and Jena during the medal round in Hangzhou. ANI

"It was a healthy rivalry between me and Jena (who took the silver) during the medal round in Hangzhou," said the Asian Games gold medallist who is also the World champion.

India won 29 medals, including six golds, in athletics for its best-ever total at the Asian Games.

The AFI president Adille Sumariwalla felt the Indian squad could have won more golds had the team capitalised on the chances.

"It was a bad miss in middle distance events and women's 4x400m relay at the Asian Games," said Sumariwalla.

Sumariwalla added the Indian athletes also did well at the World Championships which were held a few weeks before the Asian Games.

"The outstanding performance in a packed 2023 season was a big boost to the confidence of the Indian athletes ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games," he said.

Injured experienced midfielder Sushila Chanu rested from India's Asian Champions Trophy squad

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Experienced midfielder Sushila Chanu has been rested from India's 20-member squad for the upcoming Women's Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) hockey tournament due to a suspected Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) injury.

Sushila was part of the Indian team that won a bronze at the Hangzhou Asian Games last week. According to a Hockey India source, Sushila will soon consult a doctor to know the extent of the injury. Baljeet Kaur has replaced Sushila.

The Asian Champions Trophy will be held in Ranchi from October 27 to Nov. 5.

Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke has been named as a replacement player along with Sharmila Devi and will travel with the squad as back-up option.

India will open its campaign against Thailand on Oct. 27, followed by matches against Malaysia (Oct. 28), China (Oct. 30), Japan (Oct. 31) and Korea (Nov. 2).

The semifinals and final are scheduled for Nov. 4 and 5.

"It is an important tournament for us to continue our momentum and our steady improvement as a team. While we performed well at the Asian Games to claim the bronze, the upcoming tournament will give us a chance to further improve our standings against our Asian challengers," India's chief coach Janneke Schopman said.

The squad: Goalkeepers: Savita (capt.), Bichu Devi Kharibam;
Defenders: Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary, Deep Grace Ekka (vice-capt.).
Midfielders: Nisha, Salima Tete, Neha, Navneet Kaur, Sonika, Monika, Jyoti, Baljeet Kaur.
Forwards: Lalremsiami, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Vandana Katariya.
Replacement players: Sharmila Devi, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke.

Ram Zodge, former racing correspondent, passes away

Vinayak M. Zodge
MUMBAI

Ram D. Zodge, former senior racing correspondent of *The Hindu*, passed away here on Tuesday night. He was 84 and is survived by son, daughter-in-law and grand-daughter.

During his career spanning more than three decades, he covered horse racing for *The Hindu* at Chennai, Udhagamandalam (Ooty), Hyderabad, Mumbai and Pune.

His report on the morning track work in Mumbai was so thorough and popular that people used to wait and buy the paper in the evening.

Ram. D. Zodge

Sindhu in second round of Arctic Open badminton

ANI
VANTAA (FINLAND)

P.V. Sindhu defeated Japan's Nozomi Okuhara 21-13, 21-6 in the first round of the Arctic Open badminton here on Tuesday. Aakarshi Kashyap came back from a game down to beat Lianne Tan of Belgium 18-21, 22-20, 21-18. In mixed doubles, K. Sai Pratheek and Tanisha Crasto made it to the round-of-32 after beating Denmark's Andreas Sondergaard and Iben Bergstein 26-24, 21-18 in the qualifying round.

Former champions Nadal, Osaka, Kerber and Wozniacki set to return in 2024

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Associated Press
MELBOURNE

Former Australian Open champions Naomi Osaka, Caroline Wozniacki and Angelique Kerber are set to return to Melbourne Park in January following maternity leave, joined by 2022 winner Rafael Nadal and hometown favorite Nick Kyrgios.

Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley told at the tournament launch on Wednesday that Nadal (left hip flexor) and Kyrgios (knee, wrist) are expected to return from major injuries in a bid to challenge Novak Djokovic's dominance at Rod Laver Arena, where he has clinched 10 of his record 24 Grand Slam titles.

They will be back: Nadal and Osaka will once again grace the opening Grand Slam of the year. FILE PHOTOS

"Our 2022 champion Rafa Nadal has been working hard on his rehab for most of this year," Tiley said. "He always brings his best to Melbourne and no one can doubt how hard he competes. I've been in touch with his team and he's now back on the court and looking forward to returning to Melbourne in January."

Tiley said Djokovic and No. 2-ranked Carlos Alcaraz are expected to lead the men's contingent, while leading players Aryna Sabalenk a and Iga Swiatek and U.S. Open champion Coco Gauff are also expected to play in the women's draw.

BANGALORE-MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com
No:BMICAPA/CLU-02/24/2023-24/961 Date: 11-10-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Rajesh Shah S/o Sajjan Raj Shah, authorised signatory of Ramanagaram Khandasari Sugar and Allied Limited, has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** Zone which land is reserved for Agriculture purpose in approved Master plan under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No. 17 Extent of 06 Acre-05 Guntas, Sy.No. 18 Extent of 07 Acre-14 Guntas (including 0 Acre-06 Guntas 'A' Kharab). Sy.No. 19 Extent of 08 Acre-13 Guntas, Sy.No. 20 Extent of 03 Acre-25 Guntas, Sy No. 21 Extent of 04 Acre-19 Guntas (including 0 Acre-02 Guntas 'A' Kharab), Sy.No. 22 Extent of 06 Acre-24 Guntas, Sy.No. 23 Extent of 05 Acre-20 Guntas, Sy.No. 24 Extent of 06 Acre-26 Guntas, Sy.No. 25 Extent of 04 Acre-36 Guntas, Sy.No. 26 Extent of 03 Acre-35 Guntas and Sy.No. 74 Extent of 04 Acre-29 Guntas (including 0 Acre-05 Guntas 'A' Kharab) totally measuring 62 Acre-06 Guntas of Chikkakuntanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1) By developing the layout in the above said land, the poor and middle class people will get the sites for reasonable price.
2) During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for labourers.
3) Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the layout in the above said land.
4) By planned layout the public are benefited with the civic amenities such as good roads, parks, etc.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru** in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from this notice. Any objection received there after will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary,
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/1661/Adverto/2023-24

RASHTRIYA MILITARY SCHOOL, BENGALURU
(Under Ministry of Defence)
Opp Johnson Market, Richmond Town,
Bengaluru-560025
Tel: 080-25554972
E-mail: rmsbengalru@gmail.com
Website: www.rashtriyamilitaryschools.edu.in

CORRIGENDUM

Refer to the (02) x LDC recruitment notification uploaded in School website and published in "Employment Newspaper" EN 25/31 dt 16-22 Sep 2023 and "The Hindu Newspaper" Karnataka edition on 28 Sep 2023 stands cancelled due to administrative reasons.

All the applicants may note.

Principal

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION
(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL & BHEL)
CIN: U40101KA2009PLC049582
No. EE(MSP)/YTPS/23-24/114 Date: 07.10.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

RPCL, invites bids from reputed agencies for the following tenders/ enquiries through e-Procurement **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** **Brief Details of Goods:** Procurement of **1) KPCL/2023-24/IND0507 Dtd: 27.09.2023** Various consumable cutting tools and telescopic brush. **2) KPCL/2023-24/IND0509 Dtd: 30.09.2023** GI pipes for CHP. **3) KPCL/2023-24/IND0510 Dtd: 03.10.2023** Welding electrodes for EEM3. **4) KPCL/2023-24/IND0498 Dtd: 03.10.2023** General valves for YTPS. **5) KPCL/2023-24/IND 0415/CALL-2 Dtd: 04.10.2023** MS angle and MS plates. **6) KPCL/2023-24/IND0527 Dtd: 07.10.2023** Packing ring for seal ring. **7) KPCL/2023-24/IND0439/CALL-2 Dtd: 06.10.2023** MS stiffener pipe bracings. **8) KPCL/2023-24/IND0472/CALL-2 Dtd: 06.10.2023** MS angle. **9) KPCL/2023-24/IND0529 Dtd: 06.10.2023** MS plate and chequered plate. **10) KPCL/2023-24/IND0449/CALL-2 Dtd: 06.10.2023** MS plates, angles and EN-08 Rods. **11) KPCL/2023-24/IND0528 Dtd: 07.10.2023** Spares for complete gear box. **12) KPCL/2023-24/IND0497/CALL-2 Dtd: 07.10.2023** Caustic soda lye. Last date for bid submission: For Sl. No. 1: **13.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No.2: **17.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3: **18.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 4: **19.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 5, 7, 8, 9 & 10: **20.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 6 & 12: **16.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 11: **30.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP),** RPCL, YTPS, Yeramarus-584134, Raichur (D). Mob: 9480682892. E-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com Website: www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425
No: MESCOM/SEE(P)/EE(W)/AEE(W)/2023-24/61698/2023 Date: 10.10.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Mode Only)

MESCOM invites tender for the work of "Formation of new 11kV feeder using 11kV, 240Sq.mm XLPE UG Cable for the distance of 5.7kms from 33/11kV Panambur Sub-station to M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Mangalore Terminal in order to provide sanctioned additional power supply to the HT installation to an extent of 1425KVA (Total 1850kVA) in Panambur Section of Baikampady Industrial Sub-division, Kavoor Division under DCW on Total Turnkey basis" vide bid enquiry number **MESCOM/ 2023-24/UC/ WORK_INDENT34.**

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.10.2023.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.), Corporate Office
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, 2nd Floor, Zillah Panchayath Building, Kottara, Mangaluru. – 575006
Phone: 0824-2951583 e-mail: eerdwsd.dk@gmail.com
No:EE/RDWSD/MNG/Tender/AE-1/2023-24/1164 Dated:11.10.2023

Short Term Tender Notification

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Dakshina Kannada Invites E-Tender, eligible bidders are requested to submit through E-Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** all terms and conditions will be intimated in e-procurement. The wok details as follows

Name of work: (1) Providing Drinking Water Supply Scheme to Alike and other 123 Habitations (including Vitla Town Panchayat) of Bantwal Taluk, 319 Habitations of Puttur Taluk, 51 Habitations of Kadaba Taluk and 243 Habitations of Sullia Taluk in Dakshina Kannada District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission. Estimate cost **Rs. 780.00 Crore,** EMD: **Rs. 5.64 Crore**

If any changes regarding this notification, further corrigendum and addendum will be issued in e-procurement portal only.

(1) Closing Date of Tender: **26-10-2023 4.00 PM** (2) Pre Bid meeting Date: **18-10-2023 11.00 AM** at office of the Chief Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department Bangalore (3) Opening of Technical Bid: **27-10-2023 5.00 PM** (4) Opening of Financial Bid: **30-10-2023 11.00 AM**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division
Dakshina Kannada, Mangalore.
DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/564/23-24 dt: 11.10.2023

THE MYSORE PAPER MILLS LIMITED
Paper Town, BHADRAVATI-577 302, KARNATAKA.
CIN: L99999KA1936SGC000173 (03.06.2014)
Phone: +91-8282-270094 / Fax: +91-8282-270937
E-mail: dirforestsmpm@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING Short Term e-TENDERS for cutting, debarking, collection, stacking, transportation and delivery of 50,000 MT of debarked Eucalyptus/Euca Pellita pulpwood from MPM Captive plantations to the buyer's destination points.

Short Term e-Tender No.: E-Portal No. SE0007/07-10-2023
MPM Ref:No.MPM/DF/RM/E&T/2023-24/034 dt.07.10.2023
Last date & time for Bid submission: 21.10.2023 at 5.30 PM

Tenders are invited from MPM Registered Forest Contractors & others (those who register their names by furnishing required documents before submission of tender) Tenderers shall submit tenders only through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Cost of document: As per e-portal norms. Blank tender documents can be downloaded from e-procurement portal/ MPM website http//mpm.Karnataka.gov.in Any changes/ amendments to this tender will be published in the e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- APCCF & Director (Forests)i/c
DIPR/smg/No.53/10/ksmca/23-24/595

Governmet oF Karnataka
(Karnataka Hindu religion institutions and chartable Endowment Trust)
Executive Office, Sri Gurubasaveswarswamy Temple, Kotturu, Kotturu Taluk, Vijaynagar District
No:SGBT/CR/09/2019-20 D:-09/10/2023

-: Tender Reequipment :-

Vijayanagara District, Kotturu Taluk, Kotturu in respect of supply of pure silver required for the Construction of the Main Door of Sri Gurubasaveswaraswamy Temple in Kotturu Town limits of Pure Silver from registered qualified Silver Sellers' agencies as per Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Rules KG-2, Standard Tender Document Expenditure as per below Public Procurement Tender will be invited through portal.

Particular: "SUPPLYING OF BARSILVER FOR KOTTURU SRI GURUBASAVESHWARASWAMY TEMPLE MAIN DOOR COVERING WORK" (INDENT NO:- HRICE/2023-24/IND0078)**.Tender Amount Rs/-:** 100.00. **MED Amount Rs/-:** 2,00,000/-

Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **19-10-2023 at 17.30 Hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of tender technical bids: **20-10-2023 at 16.30 hrs.** Date & time for opening of Technical bids: **21-10-2023 at 17.00 Hrs.** Date & time for opening of Financial bids: **25-10-2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** Auto extension of tender schedule : **03 days**

In case of accidental Holidays on the above dates, the next day will be considered. For tender documentation and conditions, check again on the website ***https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in*** Filling of Tender For further information contact the undersigned Executive Officers, Sri Gurubasaveswaraswamy Temple, Kotturu, (Contact. 9980724222) can be Contacted During office Hours.

Sign/- Executive Officer
Sri Gurubasaveswarswamy Temple , Kotturu,
DIPR/Vijayanagar/171/KSMCA/2023-24

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited

SL. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount	Bid Submission Last Date
1. Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram				
1.1	Road ID 180 & 181 (Kamukuvilakom Road and Ankalamman Nagar)	2023_SCTLT_551497_3	Rs.3,15,84,659/-	16/10/2023
1.2	Road ID 44 (Pazhayasalai Road)	2023_SCTLT_550949_2	Rs.4,50,51,533/-	16/10/2023
1.3	Road ID 41 (Kothuval to Sabhapathi Kovil Street)	2023_SCTLT_550644_3	Rs.4,57,70,352/-	16/10/2023
1.4	Road ID 100 (Justice Sankaranarayana Street)	2023_SCTLT_551252_4	Rs.2,64,00,214/-	16/10/2023
2. Green Park Spectrum of Biological Hub at Sewage Treatment Plants at Muttathara and Medical College		2023_SCTLT_605577_1	Rs.68,47,516/-	18/10/2023
3. Supply of 100 Nos Battery Operated Three wheeler Goods in Thiruvananthapuram, India with Registration and Insurance coverage		2023_SCTLT_603275_2	Rs.4,74,29,225/-	20/10/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e- mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in

(Sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

KARNATAKA SILK INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
3rd & 4th Floors, Public Utility Building, M.G. Road,
Bengaluru - 560 001. Ph: 080-25586550/25586399
Fax: 080-25587020 E-mail: info@ksicsilk.com
No. KSIC/PD/SWF-MYS/MOBILE LOCKER/01/2023-24 Date: 25.09.2023

Tender for Supply of Mobile Lockers for KSIC Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru

Sealed and superscribed tenders are invited from reputed suppliers/firms for Supply of Mobile Lockers- Six Numbers for KSIC Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru.

The tender document may be obtained from General Manager (Procurement) either in person or by post on payment of **Rs. 200/- by cash/DD.** Last date and time for submission of the tender along with **EMD of Rs. 5,700/-** by DD in favor of **"KSIC Ltd" payable at Bangalore** on or before **08.11.2023 till 3.00 P.M.** The Technical Bid will be opened on **08.11.2023 at 04:00 P.M.** Further details can be had from Office of the Undersigned on working days from 10 AM to 5.30 PM either personally or over Phone No.080- 25586550.

Sd/-
General Manager (Proc)
DIPR/CP/JA/1645/2023-24

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (COVID-19)

PUBLIC NOTICE

By Notification dated 25.08.2023, bearing No.HD 99 PCE 2023, published in the Gazette of Karnataka dated 15.09.2023, a **Commission of Inquiry** has been appointed by the State of Karnataka under Sec 3(1) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1952, and by Notification dated 07.10.2023, inter alia, the following Terms of Reference have been referred to the Commission namely:

1. To enquire into the illegalities/ malpractices noted in the Report submitted by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) 2020/2021 regarding the procurement, distribution of medicine, medical equipments and materials, and management of oxygen etc. by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Medical Education and other Departments under the Govt. of Karnataka and all Institutions working under the above Departments, during Covid-19 pandemic i.e. between March-2020 and December-2022.

2. Irregularities in the tender procedures, recruitments, purchase of medicine, equipments, ventilators and management of oxygen in KIDWAI Institute, Bengaluru.

3. Procurements made in violations of the provisions of KTPP Act and the Rules ; and the Administrative approvals of the Competent Authorities in Urban Local Bodies and in Districts, during Covid-19.

4. Violations in the allotment of beds to Covid patients during Covid-19 pandemic (March-2020 to December-2022).

Notice is hereby given that all persons having knowledge of the facts and circumstances relating to the Terms of Reference of the enquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Inquiry Commission, or who wish to assist the Inquiry Commissioner, should submit their statements along with the documentary evidence in two(2) copies each duly supported by affidavit in the format generally acceptable in a Court of Law of India and sworn and verified by the deponent. The hard copies of the same be sent to the address given below **within fifteen(15) days from date of publication** of this notice either in person or through registered post or courier service.

The scanned signed statement of facts and supporting documents and affidavit be sent to the email id: cdinqcom@gmail.com,

Address: **Commission of Inquiry, Room No.8, 1st Floor, Old Building, Kumara Krupa Guest House, Bengaluru-560001.**

Inquiry Commissioner
Justice John Michael Cunha
Former Judge, High Court of Karnataka

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 12.10.2023